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Greater Wheeling and Vicinity

*A Chronicle of Progress and a Narrative
Account of the Industries, Institutions and People of the
City and Tributary Territory.*

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GREATER WHEELING AND VICINITY

ROY BENTON NAYLOR.—The modern city has many activities and its work is no longer confined to the simple service performed by the municipality of former times. Civic progress goes on through many branches of organized public effort, and one has a proper conception of what a city's work and ideals are only by comprehending the various official and quasi-official departments and organizations which are promoting the manifold activities of the community.

With the work of civic organizations in Wheeling, probably no one man is more closely identified than Roy Benton Naylor. Mr. Naylor is a newspaper man by profession, and it was his qualifications for this work that made him so valuable in the civic service to which he has devoted the last five or six years of his life.

Born in Wheeling, July 22, 1871, a son of John Sargent and Anna K. Naylor, he was educated in the public schools, the Linsly Institute and the Marietta (Ohio) College, and on leaving college took up newspaper work. For ten years he was with the *Wheeling News*, in reportorial, political and editorial work, and from 1902 to 1904 was general manager of the *Wheeling Telegraph*.

During 1900-02 Mr. Naylor was a member of the city council. In January, 1905, he was elected secretary of the Board of Trade. During the same year he organized the West Virginia Board of Trade, and was elected secretary of that organization in June. He has held this office with both these organizations ever since, and has done much to promote their effective influence in commerce and other fields of service. He is also at the present time secretary of the Municipal Park & Playground Commission, is secretary of the Wheeling Playground Association, and is a director of the Associated Charities and of the Anti-Tuberculosis League. In politics Mr. Naylor is Republican, and his church is the Unitarian.

He married, in 1902, Miss Lena Dent of Bridgeport, Ohio. They have one son, John Sargent Naylor, Jr.

H. C. OGDEN, the founder of the *Wheeling News* and who has been identified with newspaper work in Wheeling for a quarter of a century, was born at Worthington, West Virginia, January 12, 1869.

After attending the public schools at Fairmount, the Fairmount State Normal, and graduating from the University of West Virginia in 1887, he came to Wheeling and began his career as a newspaper man. In 1890 he founded the *Wheeling News*, and is now secretary and manager of the News Publishing Company, as also of the Intelligencer Publishing Company.

ROBERT W. HAZLETT, M. D.—At the time of his death, in September, 1899, the late Dr. Robert W. Hazlett was one of the oldest and most esteemed physicians and surgeons of Wheeling and the state. Born at

Washington, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1828, he was the son of Samuel and Sarah Hazlett, a family of position and regard in that locality. He was educated at Washington College, but was prevented from graduating with his class by illness. Later, however, he was given the honorary degree of A. M. by the trustees of the college. He was, in early life, quite an artist, and prepared many illustrations and specimens for the medical lectures of Dr. King. His ability was at once recognized, and it was at that time that he decided to take up medical studies.

Dr. Hazlett read medicine under Drs. Clemans and Cummins of Wheeling, and his studies progressed rapidly until he was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1851. In the winter of 1851-52 he took a post-graduate course and later located in Wheeling, practicing until 1857-58, when his health began to fail. He was appointed one of the surgeons of the United States general hospital at Grafton, this state. Later he was commissioned by the secretary of war as surgeon of the board of enrollment of the first district of West Virginia. Dr. Hazlett saw much fighting and participated in the engagements of Monterey, McDowell, Cross Keys, Cedar Mountain, Waterloo, White Sulphur Springs, Warrenton, Freeman's Ford, second Bull Run, Centerville and Chantilly.

At the close of the war he resumed the practice of medicine in Wheeling and was very successful. He served as president of the city and of the county medical societies, was health officer of the town of South Wheeling, and for over twenty years was a United States examining surgeon for pensions. He twice declined the nomination for the presidency of the state medical society, but in 1893 was unanimously elected to that office and presided at the meeting that year in Berkeley Springs. He served in the city council and as a member of the board of education, and at the time of his death was a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Following his death, at the meeting of the Ohio County Medical Society, the following brief but fine tribute to its late member was paid by Dr. S. L. Jepson: "I have known him for thirty years, and in all that period and under all circumstances his conduct as a gentleman shone forth. As a physician he always ranked among the best. He had other interests, and but for these his studious habits and mental ability would have given him higher rank. As an army surgeon, he lacked the boldness, was too sensitive and extremely conservative to be a dashing success. He was dignified and courtly in manner. He lived up to the code of ethics of the profession. He was in every sense of the word an honorable man, in both his private and public career."

ROBERT HAZLETT, postmaster of Wheeling, is one of the conspicuous men of affairs in the city and state. As an engineer he has been closely identified during the past twenty-five years with some of the largest railroad and other industrial corporations, and for a number of years has been an influential figure in political affairs.

Born at Wheeling, December 24, 1863, a son of Robert W. Hazlett, A.M., M.D., and his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Hobbs) Hazlett, he received his education in the public schools of this city, in the Linsly Institute, and in the Ohio State University, where he was graduated with the degree of civil engineer in 1887.

In 1888-91 he was assistant engineer of the Wheeling Bridge & Terminal Railroad Company; was chief engineer of the Washington & Arlington Railway, at Washington, D. C., 1891-93; and was engaged in engineering work in New York City, 1893-95. He was engineer for the

Wheeling & Elm Grove Railway, the Parkersburg Gas & Electric Railway Company, the Fairmont & Clarksburg Railway Company, the Panhandle Traction Company, and the Suburban Light & Water Company. He is a director of the People's Bank of Wheeling and the Wheeling & Belmont Bridge Company, and he is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

As a Republican Mr. Hazlett began his public career in 1897, when he was elected to the first branch of the Wheeling city council and was chosen civil engineer of Ohio county. He served in both until 1899. He was a member of the second branch of the city council, 1901-03; was a member of the West Virginia house of delegates, 1905-07; member of the state senate, 1907-11; and January 21, 1911, was appointed postmaster at Wheeling. Since 1909 he has been a member of the executive committee of the West Virginia state Republican committee. In 1908-09 he was vice president for West Virginia of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Mr. Hazlett is one of the trustees of Davis and Elkins College, and is a member of the State Humane Society. He is a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian church of Wheeling, and is a member of the Sigma Chi college fraternity.

Mr. Hazlett married Miss Anne Maria Cummins. She is a daughter of James and Matilda (McKennen) Cummins, her father an active business man of Wheeling, engaged in merchandise brokerage. Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett have one child, Robert Cummins Hazlett.

GEORGE W. LUTZ.—As president of the Trimble & Lutz Company, engaged in the wholesale dealing of plumbers' supplies, gas fixtures and supplies, steamfitting goods, etc., in Wheeling, Mr. Lutz is contributing his quota to the industrial prestige of his native city and is known as one of its progressive, reliable and representative business men. The name which he bears has been identified with business and civic activities in Wheeling for nearly seventy years and has ever stood exponent of staunch and worthy citizenship.

George W. Lutz was born in the old Home hotel on Market street, in the city of Wheeling, on the 17th of July, 1855, and is a son of Sebastian and Anna (Truschler) Lutz, the former of whom was born in Alsace Lorraine, of stanch German lineage, and the latter of whom was born in Swartzwald, Germany. Sebastian Lutz came to Wheeling in 1833 and here established the Home hotel, which under his regime became one of the most popular hostelrys of this section of the state and which he successfully conducted until his death, in 1865, at the age of fifty-one years. The older inhabitants of Wheeling well remember this sterling citizen, whose integrity and honesty gained to him the respect and confidence of the community in which he maintained his home for more than a score of years. His wife survived him by a number of years and was forty-one years of age when she was summoned to the life eternal, both having been consistent members of the Catholic church. Of their children three sons and one daughter are living, and all still reside in Wheeling. George W., of this review, is the first of the three sons, and his brother William J. is proprietor of the Home Steam Laundry, the leading concern of the kind in Wheeling, and John J. is retired from active work. The only sister, Sophia, is the wife of George Hook, president of the Germania Half Dollar Savings Bank of this city and also secretary of the West Virginia Exposition & State Fair Association, which has done much to exploit the fine resources and manifold attractions of the state.

George W. Lutz is indebted to the private schools of Wheeling for his early educational discipline, and this city has been his home and the stage of his business activities during the entire course of his independent career. In 1871 he became a member of the firm of Trimble & Hornbrook, which built up a prosperous business in the handling of plumbing, gas and steamfitting supplies, and the enterprise was conducted under the original firm name until 1893, when the death of Mr. Trimble severed the long continued and pleasing relations, Mr. Hornbrook having retired from the concern many years earlier. The full management of the business devolved upon Mr. Lutz, and as a matter of commercial expediency and for the purpose of expanding the scope of the enterprise he effected the incorporation of the Trimble & Lutz Supply Company, of which he has since been president and of which Harry A. Ebbert is secretary and treasurer. The company have large and well equipped quarters at 112-122 Nineteenth street, and the business is now one of wide and substantial ramifications, with a reputation that figures as its best commercial asset.

Mr. Lutz takes a vital interest in all that tends to foster the material and social advancement and precedence of his native city and is essentially liberal and progressive both as a citizen and as a business man. Though never a seeker of political preferment, he gives a staunch allegiance to the Democratic party, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the St. Joseph Cathedral Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Arion Society, is also a member of the Ft. Henry, the Carroll and the Country Clubs. In the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks he served as exalted ruler in 1902. He is a director of the Security Trust Company and the Gee Electric Company, of which he is president, and has also served as president of the Board of Trade for three terms.

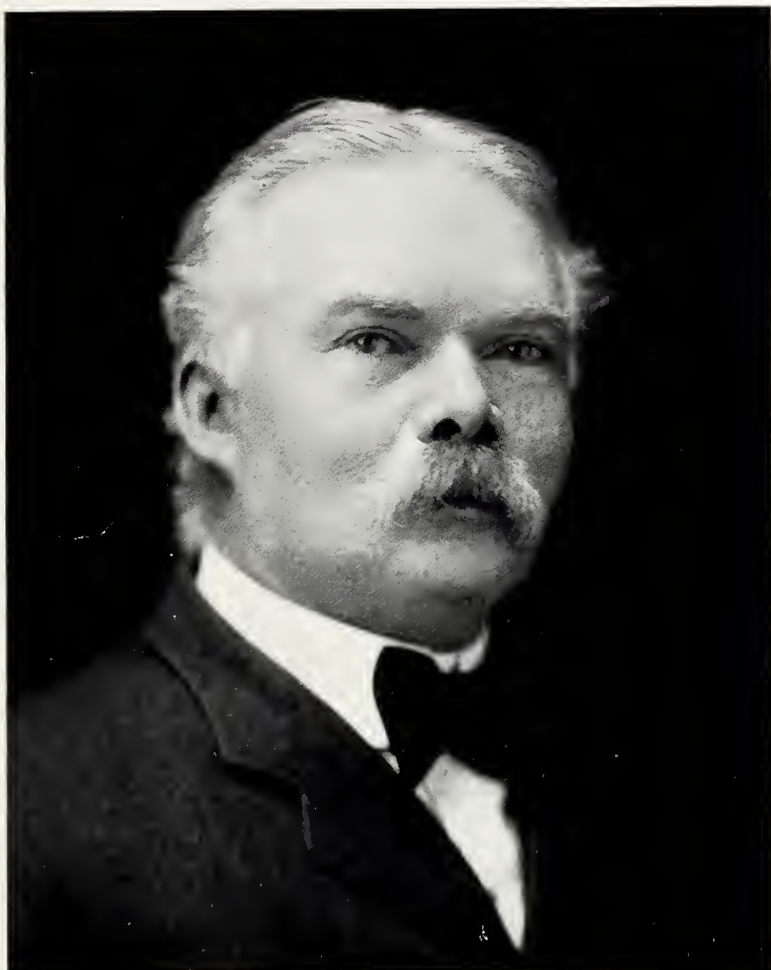
Mr. Lutz was the promoter of the New Market Auditorium, to which he gave of his time and money, and has carried the same to a successful issue. He was chosen president of the organization, and his motto all through has been, "built for the people by the people." The Associated Charities and Playground Association were both fathered by him and brought to a successful issue by the Board of Trade.

Mr. Lutz was married July 25, 1878, to Miss Eugene E. Hornbrook, adopted daughter of Thomas and Triphena Hornbrook. They have no children.

HENRY MOORE RUSSELL.—The bar of Wheeling has had no more capable and successful representative during the last thirty years than Mr. Henry M. Russell, whose abilities and attainments have long given him foremost rank among West Virginia attorneys.

He is a native son of Wheeling and was born in this city April 5, 1851. His father was Charles Wells Russell, a native of Tyler county, this state, and his mother, Margaret (Moore) Russell, was born in Wheeling, her family being among the early settlers of this vicinity.

Mr. Russell's youth was spent in Wheeling in the years before the Civil war, and most of his education was obtained in the schools of old Virginia. He was graduated at Georgetown, Virginia, in the class of 1869, with the degree of M. A., and the same year entered the law department of Virginia University, where he was graduated in 1870. Admitted to the Wheeling bar in 1871, he soon gained recognition as a skilful attorney, and his general practice through subsequent years has been limited only by his time and strength for its proper handling. Mr. Russell is vice president of the Dollar Savings & Trust Company.



Henry M. Russell



As a citizen his activities have been principally directed to those movements which concern the moral and civic betterment of Wheeling. For many years he was connected with the City Hospital Association and for several years was president of the board. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never sought the honors of office. His church is the First Presbyterian, of which he was a trustee for a number of years. He is a member of the County and State Bar Associations.

In 1879 Mr. Russell married Miss Matilda Heiskell, now deceased. She was a daughter of Otho and Matilda Heiskell. One child was born to them, Henry M., Jr., who is now his father's associate in law practice. He received his education at Yale College and studied law in the University of Virginia, being admitted to the bar in 1903. He married Miss Eleanor Brice, and they have two children, Jane and Ann.

LOUIS F. STIFEL.—As one of the representative members of the bar of Ohio county, where he has a large and important clientage and where he is also identified with various prosperous enterprises giving commercial precedence to his home city of Wheeling, Mr. Stifel is distinctively entitled to recognition in this history of Greater Wheeling and Vicinity. He is known as a liberal, progressive citizen of high civic ideals and has done much to further the industrial and social advancement of his native city, with whose history the family name has been worthily identified for fully three-quarters of a century.

Louis F. Stifel was born at the family homestead in Maine street, Wheeling, West Virginia, on the 9th of October, 1851, and is a son of C. Elias and Anna Clara (Becht) Stifel, whose marriage was here solemnized in the month of May, 1839; they became the parents of ten children, of whom three sons and three daughters are now living, the subject of this review having been the fifth in order of birth. C. Elias Stifel was born and reared in Germany, where he was afforded good educational advantages and where he served a thorough apprenticeship at the tinner's trade, which he there followed as a journeyman for some time at various places, and he was thus employed for a time in the picturesque little city of Geneva, Switzerland. Animated by definite ambition to make the most possible of his life and appreciative of the superior opportunities afforded in America, he immigrated to this country about the time of attaining to his legal majority, and in 1836 he established his permanent home in Wheeling, where he was destined to gain independence and definite prosperity through his honest and effective endeavors along normal lines of enterprise and where he was a well known and highly honored citizen for more than sixty years prior to his demise, which here occurred in July, 1898, about one month prior to the time when he would have celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary. For a time after coming to Wheeling he was in the employ of Esquire Dulty, and after his marriage he engaged in business in an independent way, with headquarters on Main street, near the corner of Ninth street. He was a man of distinctive mechanical skill and here he engaged in the manufacturing of tinware and household furnishings of other descriptions. He gained repute as one of the finest mechanics in the city, and in the spinning of copper utensils and in many other lines of skillful work he turned out the highest grade of products, all this work being done by hand. The same line of products at the present time are turned out by machinery, and few if any artisans are to be found who could produce by handwork such fine specimens as did this pioneer manufacturer and sterling citizen of Wheeling, where he ever commanded secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. In 1870 he admitted to part-

nership in his business, which had become one of wide scope and importance, his two sons, William C. and Louis F.

C. Elias Stifel was a man of strong character and impregnable integrity, was loyal to all civic responsibilities, was a Union Democrat in his political proclivities and both he and his wife, who likewise was born in Germany and who came to America in 1835, were zealous and consistent members of the German Lutheran church. Their names merit enduring place on the roster of the honored pioneer citizens of Wheeling, where they lived and labored to goodly ends. Mrs. Stifel is still living, and in March, 1911, celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday.

Louis F. Stifel, whose name initiates this review, duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools of his native city and in 1870, when about nineteen years of age, he was admitted to partnership in his father's business, as has been noted in the preceding paragraph. His ambition lay along other lines, however, and in 1875 he severed his association with the business mentioned to initiate the work of preparing himself for the profession in which he has achieved marked success and distinction. He was matriculated in the law department of the celebrated University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in which he completed the prescribed technical course and in which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, as a member of the class of 1877. He was simultaneously admitted to the Michigan bar but forthwith returned to his native city, where he secured admission to the bar of West Virginia. He served his professional novitiate in the office of Henry M. Russell, who was one of the leading members of the bar of Wheeling, then the capital of the state. He was admitted to partnership with Mr. Russell and this effective alliance continued until April, 1891, when Mr. Stifel retired from the firm to give his attention largely to important business interests with which he had become concerned, and since that time these and augmented commercial, financial and industrial interests have claimed much of his time and administrative interposition, so that he is, to a large extent, retired from the active work of his profession.

In politics Mr. Stifel was reared in the faith of the Democratic party and he has been a zealous and effective advocate of its principles and policies. In 1882 he was elected to represent his native county in the state Legislature, in which he made a record for admirable service in the interests of his constituency and those of the state as a whole. In 1888 he was again elected to the Lower House, where he was found a leader in the deliberations of that body and the consultations of the committee room, but since the completion of his second term in the Legislature he has not consented to appear as a candidate for public office of any description.

As a man of marked energy, progressiveness and initiative power, Mr. Stifel has been an influential factor in the upbuilding of numerous enterprises that have contributed much to the prosperity and prestige of his native city, to which his loyalty has ever been of the most insistent type. On the 1st of April, 1891, he virtually retired from the work of his profession to assume active supervision of the affairs of the Wheeling Title & Trust Company, to which a general banking department was added in September of that year. The company was organized by William P. Hubbard, Henry M. Russell, George R. E. Gilchrist and Louis F. Stifel, and it was incorporated under the laws of the state, with a charter bearing the date of December 24, 1889. In 1903 the name was changed to the Dollar Savings & Trust Company. Consolidated with the Dollar Savings Bank are the following officers: B. W. Peterson, president; Hon. N. B. Scott and H. M. Russell, vice-presidents; Louis F. Stifel,

secretary; F. B. Klieves, paying teller; W. H. Tracy, receiving teller; W. H. Schafer, note teller; and J. E. Ebeling, savings teller. The company built one of the finest bank buildings in the county, in which its offices are maintained, and the same is located on Market street, in the heart of the business district of the city. It has exercised most benignant fiduciary functions and the business in all departments has been conducted along conservative and yet progressive lines, with the result that the growth has been consecutive and substantial, making the institution one of the most stable and important financial concerns in the state. Its operations are based on a capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars, and a surplus of five hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Stifel is also president of the Ohio Valley Drug Company, one of the important and prosperous wholesale concerns of Wheeling, is a director of the German Fire Insurance Company, of this city, and also has other large capitalistic interests of local order—the same indicating his deep interest in the welfare and progress of his home city, in which he is ever ready to lend his influence and co-operation in the furtherance of legitimate business enterprises and progressive public measures. He is treasurer of the Wheeling Home for the Aged and also of the city hospital.

On the 26th of November, 1878, Mr. Stifel was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Oesterling, who was called to the life eternal on February 6, 1888. She was survived by one child, Mrs. E. Sue Demmler, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On the 26th of November, 1891, Mr. Stifel was again united in marriage, to Miss Fredricka Oesterling, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of the late John Oesterling, long one of the honored and influential citizens of this city, where he was president of the Central Glass Company and also of the German Fire Insurance Company. Mr. and Mrs. Stifel are popular factors in connection with the best social activities of their home city and at their beautiful residence, located on Sixteenth street, a gracious hospitality is ever in evidence.

CHESTER RUSSELL HUBBARD is the third son of the late Chester D. Hubbard, and as president of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company he continues through the third generation the distinction of the family name in the industrial and manufacturing affairs of Wheeling. As is told on other pages, both his father and grandfather were among the foremost manufacturers and business men of their times in this locality, and in a few years more the Hubbard family and the city of Wheeling may celebrate together the centennial of the establishment of the first important mills in this vicinity.

Mr. Hubbard was born in Wheeling on the 25th of October, 1848. He attended the common schools and the Linsly Institute, and began his business career in the employ of a wholesale drug house. In 1874 he became a traveling representative for the Wheeling Iron & Nail Company, a position he held until elected president in 1881, and continued his connection with the same business until 1892. In that year, on the organization of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, he was elected president, and has continued in the executive office of the company now for twenty years. He is also president of the Hubbard Steamship Company, president of the Castile Mining Company, vice-president of the Wheeling Tile Company and is a director of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company and a director of the National Bank of West Virginia.

Mr. Hubbard is one of the leading business men of Wheeling and is also prominent in social affairs. He is president of the Fort Henry Club. His politics is Republican.

Mr. Hubbard was married in 1881 to Miss Stella Moore, who is a native of Wellsburg, Brooke county, this state. They have four children: Stella is the wife of Dr. W. A. Cracraft, Jr., and they have one child, W. A. Cracraft, 3d; Ann H. became the wife of Morgan Heiskell, and they have one daughter, Ann; Helen H. is the wife of Samuel Williams; and Lida W., who lives at home.

W. P. HUBBARD.—The power and resources of Wheeling as an industrial and business center are the result of numerous personal factors who have combined their enterprise with the advantages of the locality in building a splendid commercial center. Of the names that during the past century have been most closely identified with the making of this city, probably none is deserving of more credit for the big results that have been attained than that of the Hubbard family, who through several generations have been associated with manufactures and civic progress in this community.

Chester Dorman Hubbard, the father of the present active generation, was one of the most striking characters in the citizenship of Wheeling during the last century. His father before him had founded the family in this locality and was one of the pioneer business men. Chester Dorman Hubbard was the eldest son of Dana and Asenath (Dorman) Hubbard, and was born in Hamden, Connecticut, the 25th of November, 1814. When he was four and a half years old his parents came to Wheeling. He attended school up to the age of thirteen, and then worked for his father in the brick yard and mills until he attained his majority. Ambitious and self-reliant, he had already planned for himself a career of large usefulness, and to prepare himself for it he entered the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, where he was graduated in 1840, valedictorian of his class. His father's failing health then caused him to return to Wheeling and take up the business.

Thenceforth his career in business was one of the most notable in the history of Wheeling. He was in the lumber business until 1852, when with D. C. List and others, he established the Bank of Wheeling, which he served as president until 1865. He later became president of the German Bank of Wheeling, and held that office until his death, in 1891. He rendered valuable aid in securing manufacturing industries for Wheeling, and his services in this direction account for the presence of some very extensive plants in the Wheeling district. In 1859 he was one of the four men who, under the title of C. D. Hubbard & Company, leased the Crescent Iron Mills and engaged in the manufacture of railroad iron, the company controlling these mills for about a year. He was also one of the organizers and directors of the Wheeling Hinge Company. In 1871 he became secretary of the reorganized Wheeling Iron & Nail Company, and held the office until 1891. For twenty years he was a member of the drug house of Logan & Company, and when the business became the Logan Drug Company he was elected president.

In 1873 Mr. Hubbard became actively identified with the promotion and building of the Pittsburg, Wheeling & Kentucky Railroad, and in 1874 was made its president. Due to his executive ability this road was put on a paying basis and under lease to the P. C. C. & St. L. Railroad Company became a valuable connection for Wheeling business.

Mr. Hubbard's career in public affairs was not less successful and prominent than in business. He was a member of the Virginia house of delegates in 1852-53. As a member of the state convention of 1861 he strenuously opposed the ordinance of secession, and when that meas-

ure finally passed he at once returned home and began working for the cause of the Union. He promoted the organization of military companies for home defense with such vigor that two days after his return he had the satisfaction of seeing two companies sworn in to support the Constitution of the United States and its old flag. By the end of a week ten companies had been organized into a regiment. This prompt action was of great service to the community and to the nation.

He was a member of the Wheeling convention of May 13th and called it to order, thus being the first man to take an open part in the movement which resulted in the reorganization of the government of Virginia in loyalty to the Union government and the formation of its western counties into the state of West Virginia. He was also a member of the convention of June 11, 1861. Both these conventions were held by the Union people of the state for purpose of establishing a loyal government and in preparation for the formation of the new state of West Virginia. When the new state had been organized he served as a member of the state senate, and was subsequently elected from the first district to the thirty-ninth and fortieth Congresses. He was a faithful and distinguished representative of his district and state, and was an earnest friend of education all his life, and was prominently associated with well-known local institutions. In 1848 he was elected trustee of Linsly Institute and in 1873 was made treasurer of the board. He took an active part in the founding of the Wheeling Female Seminary in 1848, becoming one of its trustees, and after the seminary became, in 1865, the Wheeling Female College, he was made president of its board of trustees.

In the death of Chester D. Hubbard, which occurred August 23, 1891, Wheeling and the state lost one of its most eminent citizens. He was one of the most efficient builders of the business and industries which were the nucleus of the modern Greater Wheeling. His energies were largely constructive, and his work and the ideals and principles for which he contended have still a vital force in his home city.

His forefathers were of that fine New England type which has produced strong men in many periods of our history. From England in 1630 came William Hubbard to Plymouth, Massachusetts, and settled later at Ipswich, which town he represented in the General Court six years, between 1638 and 1646. He afterwards settled at Boston. Rev. William Hubbard, a son of William the immigrant, was one of the early graduates of Harvard College, became a minister and historian, and had the distinction, at the commencement exercises of 1688, of officiating as president of Harvard College. From him the descent comes down through (3) John Hubbard, (4) Rev. John Hubbard of Meriden, Connecticut, (5) Major General John Hubbard, one of Connecticut's military men, to (6) Dana Hubbard, the father of (7) Chester D. and the founder of the family in Wheeling.

Dana Hubbard in 1815 moved from Connecticut west to Pittsburgh, and in 1819 brought a flat-boat down the river and anchored it in Wheeling creek, using the boat for a house to shelter himself and family while he was building the log cabin home. He was the pioneer manufacturer of Wheeling. In 1827 he built the first saw-mill and also the first grist mill in Wheeling. Later he set up the first steam saw mill in western Virginia. In connection with his mill he was a large dealer in lumber, and also operated a sash factory. His last days were spent on a farm in Ohio county, where he died October 16, 1852. His wife survived him many years, passing away April 23, 1878. They were both devout members of the Methodist church. Their five children were: Chester D., Henry B., William D., John Roger and Martha R.

Chester D. Hubbard was married on September 29, 1842, to Miss Sarah Pallister. She was born in England in 1820 and came to the United States in 1823. The five children of their marriage were: William Pallister, see sketch below; Dana List; Chester Russell, see sketch elsewhere; Julia A., who married W. H. Tyler, of Triadelphia; and Anna G., who became the wife of Joseph C. Brady, now vice-president of the Hazel Atlas Glass Company.

William Pallister Hubbard, eldest son of the late Chester D. Hubbard, has been prominently identified with the profession of law and the public life of West Virginia for upwards of half a century. He has the qualities of ability and character which distinguished his father, and through his own career he has maintained and increased the honors associated with the family name.

Born in Wheeling, December 24, 1843, he received his early training in the public schools and the Linsly Institute, and following the example of his father entered Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, where he was graduated in 1863. Returning to his native city, he read law and was admitted to the bar the following year. During 1865 he served as a member of the Third West Virginia Cavalry. From 1866 to 1870 he was clerk of the West Virginia house of delegates. In 1881-82 he represented Ohio county in that body and served on the joint committee of revision of statutes. In 1888 he was delegate to the national Republican convention at Chicago, and the same year was on the state ticket of his party for the office of attorney general. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 1890. Mr. Hubbard did important service as chairman of the commission to revise the tax laws of West Virginia in 1901-03. In 1906 he was elected a member of the sixtieth Congress and was re-elected to the next Congress, his term expiring March 4, 1911. As a lawyer Mr. Hubbard is now one of the oldest representatives of the bar in Wheeling, and has made a successful record in all the courts of the state.

He was married, May 21, 1868, to Miss Anna E. Chamberlin, of Thibodaux, Louisiana. Five children have been born to them—Julia P., who married W. I. Kelly; Nelson C., who is an attorney and in partnership with his father; Alma R.; Louise P., who married Rev. W. E. Hudson; and Sarah P., who died in infancy.

B. WALKER PETERSON.—A life-long resident of Wheeling, few men have been more closely identified with the business and civic affairs of the city than B. Walker Peterson. For nearly forty years he has been active in his profession of civil engineer or, especially in later years, the conduct of several of the important business organizations with which his name is officially connected.

Born in this city and educated first in the public schools, he later entered Bethany College, where he was graduated in 1870 with the degree of A. B., and from there entered the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York, where he was graduated C. E. in 1873. As a graduate civil engineer he began the practice of his profession in his native city, and was an active member of the profession in this vicinity from 1873 to 1886. From 1876 to 1882 he served as city engineer. For a number of years Mr. Peterson has been an important factor in the manufacturing and financial affairs of the city. He is president of the Dollar Savings & Trust Company of Wheeling, is president of the Warwood Tool Company, vice president of the Wheeling Traction Company, and his interests extend to other manufacturing and business concerns.



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Mr. Peterson is a Republican in politics, and is a member of several branches of the Masonic order. He has served as president of the Wheeling Board of Trade, is actively connected with the work of the Associated Charities, and is interested in all the organized movements for a better and greater Wheeling. He was the first president of the Wheeling Country Club. He and his family are communicants of the St. Matthew's Episcopal church, and he is a member of the vestry.

On October 14, 1885, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage with Miss Nannie Moffatt. Mrs. Peterson is a daughter of Robert Fulton and Mary (Dewey) Moffatt, her mother being a daughter of Chauncey Dewey, one of the founders of the Dewey, Vaney & Company, which afterwards became the Riverside Iron Works. Mr. Peterson and wife have two children. W. Fairfield is a graduate of Cornell University in 1911 and is now following his profession of mechanical engineer. Nancy Dewey Peterson is a graduate of Mrs. Dowe's School at Briar Cliff on the Hudson, and is one of the cultivated and popular members of the younger social circles of Wheeling.

BLOCH BROTHERS TOBACCO COMPANY.—One of those thriving and well-managed concerns which contribute in very material fashion to the general prosperity and commercial prestige of the city is the Bloch Brothers Tobacco Company, a great industry employing fully five hundred people. Merely considered as furnishing employment to so many people, it is a factor of immense importance here, while the excellence of its product has added greatly to the commercial prestige of Wheeling. The concern has grown from small beginnings to its present proportions, its career covering a period of thirty years, and its continual progress and standing are due to the executive ability, tireless energy, engineering skill and genius in the broad combination and concentration of applicable forces possessed by the Messrs. Bloch. The Bloch Brothers Tobacco Company dates from the year 1880, in which year Samuel S. Bloch and Aaron Bloch instituted a small business, employing perhaps ten people.

The company was incorporated in 1891, Mr. Aaron Bloch being made president; Mr. Samuel S. Bloch, vice-president; and A. O. Maxwell, secretary. The present officers of the company are: Samuel S. Bloch, president; Jesse A. Bloch, first vice-president; Harold S. Bloch, second vice-president; A. O. Maxwell, secretary. Since the year 1885 William M. Tiernan has held the position of superintendent. The original home of the Bloch Brothers Tobacco Company was at 1501-1503 Main street, the location at present being an entire block located between Thirty-ninth and Forty-first streets. The floor space covered by the factory comprises 283,700 square feet. In addition to the Wheeling factory they have factories in the states of Wisconsin and Pennsylvania for the handling of leaf tobacco. The Messrs. Bloch are pioneers in the manufacturing of ribbon cut tobacco, and their success is the logical outcome of the excellence of their product. As aggressive and enterprising business men of unusual capacity, they are well entitled to credit in this volume devoted to representative men of Wheeling and its vicinity.

T. S. RILEY, for over thirty years prominent as a member of the bar and in the public affairs of Wheeling, was born in Marshall county, West Virginia (then Virginia), January 8, 1856. His parents were Owen and Mary (Dailey) Riley, both of whom were native of Ireland, but were married in Wheeling.

His early life was spent on a farm, he attended public schools and afterward taught schools a number of terms. His subsequent education was at the Fairmont Normal School, which he attended in 1875, and the West Liberty Normal School, where he was a student in 1876-77, graduating in the latter year. In July, 1877, he entered the law office of J. Dallas Ewing at Wheeling, and was admitted to practice October 26, 1878. On April 1, 1879, he had formed a partnership with Mr. Ewing, and has been in active practice from the date of his admission to the bar. On November 21, 1881, Judge Thayer Melvin, having resigned as judge of the first judicial circuit, became a member of the firm, under the name of Ewing, Melvin & Riley. This firm continued until 1894, when Mr. Riley withdrew and Mr. J. W. Ewing took his place. Since that date Mr. Riley has practiced under his own name, and has large demands on his professional time.

Mr. Riley was elected chairman of the Democratic state committee in 1887. He was state chairman five years, and has been active in party affairs and in public service in some capacity or other throughout most of the subsequent time. For four years he was a member of the board of regents of the normal schools. He was elected city solicitor of the city of Wheeling in February, 1891, and served two years. At the November election of 1892 his name was on the state ticket for the office of attorney general of the state, and his election was followed by four years in the office, during which he performed many important legal services for the state. In 1906 he was candidate for Congress, being defeated but succeeding in decreasing the normal majority of the opposition. Mr. Riley has been elected and served three successive terms as city solicitor for the city of Benwood.

He was married, November 11, 1891, to Miss Minnie B. Breinig, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Breinig. She was born in Wheeling. Their three children are Thomas S., James B. and Robert T. The family are communicants of the Catholic church and attend St. Joseph's Cathedral.

GEORGE E. STIFEL.—The executive head of the well known and representative mercantile firm of George E. Stifel & Company, of Wheeling, is a member of a family whose name has been most prominently and worthily identified with the social and material development and progress of the West Virginia metropolis, and this city has been his home from the time of his birth to the present,—a period within which has been compassed his rise to a position as one of the leading business men and one of the honored and influential citizens of his native place, where he has impregnable vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem. The firm of George E. Stifel & Company has built up a large and important retail business in the handling of foreign and domestic dry goods, women's apparel and various incidental lines, and the extensive and thoroughly modern establishment of the firm is located at 1154-60 Main street, where the facilities and equipment are of the best order in all departments and where the firm caters to a large, representative and thoroughly appreciative patronage.

George E. Stifel was born in Wheeling, on the 5th of May, 1849, and is a son of John L. Stifel, who was long numbered among the most prominent business men of this city, where he established his home in an early day and where he became an extensive manufacturer of calicoes. He built up one of the most prosperous industrial enterprises of the city and the same had important bearing on the early commercial precedence of Wheeling. The enterprise has been continued to the

present time and is now controlled by William F. Stifel, a son of the founder.

He whose name initiates this review is indebted to the schools of his native city for his early educational advantages, but his broader education has been gained through self-discipline and through the associations of a long, active and successful business career which was initiated when he was a mere lad. At the age of fourteen years Mr. Stifel entered the employ of Stone & Thomas, a firm engaged in the retail dry goods trade in Wheeling, and after continuing with this concern five years he became a clerk in the pioneer dry-goods house of Henry Brues, with whom he remained, a valued and trusted employe, for a period of ten years, within which he gained thorough experience in the line of enterprise in which he has since achieved so distinctive success and priority in his native city.

In 1878 Mr. Stifel formed a partnership with Fred C. H. Schwertferger and engaged in the general dry-goods business on Main street, near the corner of Tenth street. The enterprise was originally conducted under the firm name of George E. Stifel & Company, and the ability, close application and progressive policies of the firm soon gained to it an appreciative supporting patronage, with the result that the business rapidly expanded in scope and importance. The enterprise was continued at the original location until 1890, when the present eligible and finely equipped quarters were secured. The main building of the firm is a substantial brick and granite structure, five stories in height, and in 1896 was erected by the firm an annex building, adjoining, this action being taken to afford accommodations for the ever increasing business. The store has a frontage of ninety-two feet on Main street and in the handling of the large and select stock in the various departments all the floors are utilized, giving an aggregate floor space of fully seventy thousand square feet. The firm also leases the building adjoining on the north, and this likewise is used in connection with the business, which is the largest and most important of its kind in the city. The fine display windows are a source of constant attraction and are at all times adorned according to the best metropolitan designs. An immense stock is carried by the establishment in its various departments and thus is afforded the widest range for selection on the part of the many patrons. To Wheeling this fine house is what that of Marshall Field & Company is to Chicago, and further words of commendation are not demanded.

Mr. Stifel is a man of marked initiative and executive ability, as is well demonstrated in the upbuilding of the magnificent business of which he is the head, and his genial personality and sterling attributes of character have gained and retained to him the unqualified esteem of the people of his native city, both he and his wife being prominent factors in its best social activities.

In the midst of the many exactions and demands of his business Mr. Stifel has stood exponent of the most broad-minded and public-spirited citizenship, and has ever been ready to lend his influence and co-operation in support of measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the community. In politics he maintains an independent attitude, giving his support to the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment and having no desire for public office of any order. He is identified with representative fraternal, social and semi-business organizations in Wheeling and both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church, in whose faith he was reared.

On the 10th of September, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stifel to Miss Emma Beck, who was born and reared in Wheeling, where her father, the late Paul Beck, was a pioneer business man and honored and influential citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Stifel have two daughters, Nellie and Alberta, and the family home, at Pleasant Valley, is a center of gracious and refined hospitality.

WILLIAM B. IRVINE.—As vice-president of the National Bank of West Virginia, William B. Irvine is the active head of the oldest bank in Wheeling, an institution which is now approaching its centenary. Mr. Irvine, though he has been identified with banking in Wheeling for about a quarter of a century, was not among the notable financiers of the early half of the century who steered this institution through the troublesome seas of old-time banking, but to have won a high executive office in an old and panic-tested bank like the National of West Virginia is an honor such as few financiers of the state would decline. He is one of the busy, forceful, trusted men of the Wheeling financial district, and takes a keen interest in all enterprises promoting the progress and welfare of this city.

A resident of Wheeling for forty years, Mr. Irvine was born at Smithfield, Jefferson county, Ohio, on the 7th of June, 1866. His father, George F. Irvine, is now a resident of Pittsburg; his mother, now deceased, was Rachel (Burriss) Irvine. William Burriss was the youngest in a family of three children, and came to Wheeling with his parents in 1871. All his education was obtained in this city. From the public schools he entered Linsly Institute, the school which has produced so many prominent characters in the life and affairs of Wheeling during the past century.

Mr. Irvine began his banking experience with the Bank of the Ohio Valley, where he was a messenger boy at the age of fifteen. He was then with the National Exchange Bank for some years and rose to the rank of assistant cashier. In June, 1901, he succeeded J. A. Jefferson as cashier of the Bank of Wheeling, and in 1907 became vice-president of the National Bank of West Virginia. Mr. Irvine is also one of the trustees of the Mutual Savings Bank of Wheeling and is a director of the Board of Trade.

In politics he has always been among the stanch adherents of the Republican party, though his busy career has not allowed active participation in practical politics. He is one of the leading Masons of the city, is a member of the Fort Henry Club and connected with various local societies of social and civic nature. In the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church he has served as steward for the past fifteen years.

In February, 1887, Mr. Irvine was married to Miss Eva A. Drake. She is a daughter of the late David M. and Virginia (Lindsey) Drake. Her father was also connected with the banking affairs of Wheeling during the last century. Russell Drake Irvine, the one child of Mr. and Mrs. Irvine, is now a student of Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania. The beautiful Irvine home is at Elmwood, in the suburbs of Wheeling.

GEORGE S. FEENY.—The executive head of the G. S. Feeny Company, which conducts one of the leading mercantile enterprises of the city of Wheeling. Mr. Feeny has worked himself from small beginnings to a position of prominence and influence as one of the essentially representative merchants and honored citizens of Wheeling, and his status in popular estimate well attests the sterling attributes of his character



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and the appreciation of his worthy accomplishment as one of the world's productive workers. He is a scion of one of the old and honored families of this section of West Virginia, with whose annals the name became identified many years before the segregation of the state as a sovereign commonwealth, and thus it may naturally be inferred that Mr. Feeny is a representative of staunch Virginia stock. He was loyal to the cause of the Confederacy during the climacteric period of the war between the states and served as a valiant soldier in its ranks, the while the same insistent loyalty has characterized his course in all of the relations of the "piping times of peace," in which he has gained victories "no less renowned" than those of war. The mercantile establishment of which he is the head is metropolitan in its equipment and facilities in all departments, and it receives a substantial and representative patronage, based upon effective service and fair and honorable dealings.

George Steenrod Feeny was born in Wheeling, on the 20th of August, 1841, and is a son of Hugh F. and Mary (Steenrod) Feeny, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Wheeling. The father devoted the major part of his active career to the mercantile business and was post-master of Wheeling, West Virginia. Both he and his wife passed the closing years of their lives in Wheeling. Both were devout communicants of the Catholic church and in the faith of this **great** mother church were reared their children, of whom one son and two daughters are now living. George S. Feeny gained his early education in the parochial school conducted in the basement of St. Joseph's Cathedral, in Wheeling, and as a boy he began to do his part as a productive worker. He was employed in various mercantile establishments in his native city, was careful in the conservation of his resources and eventually was enabled to initiate his independent business career, which has been marked by close application, impregnable integrity of purpose and distinctive success. The G. S. Feeny Company dates its inception, under this title, back to the year 1876 and Mr. Feeny has been its chief executive from the beginning, as well as the strong and resourceful power that has compassed the upbuilding of a large and substantial business. He is an influential factor in local business circles and as a citizen has ever exemplified the highest civic loyalty and public spirit. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church and he has long been one of the zealous and liberal supporters of the parish of St. Joseph's church, in which he holds membership.

When the Civil war was precipitated Mr. Feeny was about twenty years of age, and his youthful loyalty soon led him to offer his services in defense of the cause of the Confederacy. In the summer of 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company G, Twenty-seventh Virginia Regiment, and he lived up to the full tension of the great conflict between the north and south, in connection with which he continued in active service until the close of the war, in the meanwhile having been promoted adjutant of his company. He has ever retained a deep interest in his old comrades in arms and signifies the same by his membership in the United Confederate Veterans' Association.

On the 7th of January, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Feeny to Miss Mary C. McHenry, who was born and reared in Maryland and whose father, James J. McHenry, was a representative member of the bar of that state, where he was engaged in practice for many years at Cumberland. Mr. and Mrs. Feeny have five children, Angela, George A., Charles B., Gertrude and Clarence J.

GEORGE A. FEENY.—A son of George S. Feeny, who has long been numbered among the honored and representative business men of Wheeling and concerning whom individual mention is made on other pages of this work, George Aloysius Feeny has well upheld the honors of the name which he bears and is recognized as one of the able and successful younger members of the bar of his native city, where he is engaged in active general practice and where he is building up a substantial and representative professional business, a fact that offers the best attest of his ability and personal popularity.

George A. Feeny was born in Wheeling on the 20th of February, 1883, and in view of the fact that a sketch of the career of his father is entered elsewhere in this volume it is not necessary to repeat at this time the data concerning the family history. He is indebted to the parochial schools of Wheeling for his preliminary educational discipline, which was most effectively supplemented by advantages of superior order, as he prosecuted academic studies in turn in the historic old University of Virginia, at Charlottesville; went thence to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and thence to West Virginia University, at Morgantown. From the West Virginia University he received the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar of his native state and initiated the active work of his profession by opening an office in Wheeling. He soon won his spurs and showed the adequacy of his powers, and this, as coupled with his popularity in his home community, made his professional novitiate one of comparatively brief duration. In addition to the demands of his practice he is also secretary of the West Virginia Association of Credit Men.

The political opinions of Mr. Feeny are indicated by the staunch allegiance which he accords to the Republican party. Reared in the faith of the Catholic church, he is a communicant of the parish of St. Joseph's Cathedral, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity, besides which he holds membership in the Country Club and the University Club, in the latter of which he is on the board of governors.

JUDGE LEWIS S. JORDAN.—For disinterested and efficient public service few individual records command more esteem in Wheeling and vicinity than that of Judge Lewis S. Jordan, present judge of the criminal court of Wheeling. As a citizen, lawyer and public official he has been closely identified with the affairs of this vicinity for more than forty years, and is one of the best known men in the state.

He was born in Ohio county of what was then old Virginia, now West Virginia, a son of Colonel William and Frances (Baguley) Jordan. After an education in the common schools and in the classical academy then located on the corner of Sixteenth and Market streets in Wheeling, he spent two years in reading law under Hon. Nathaniel Richardson, and was admitted to the Virginia bar in 1860. During the Civil war he served as paymaster clerk on Major Pumphrey's staff, but later moved west to St. Louis, where about 1864 he was admitted to the bar and engaged in the active practice of the law until 1869. In the latter year he returned to his native state and has since been identified as a member of the Wheeling bar.

His first important public office was as member of the West Virginia state legislature, to which he was elected in 1874. During the session he was a member of the legislature that temporarily moved the capital back to Wheeling. In 1876 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Ohio county, an office which he held, through re-elections in 1880 and

1884, for twelve years, and outside the routine work of his office did much to advance the permanent welfare of the county. In this office it became his duty to secure the condemnation of rights of way for the public roads leading into Wheeling, and to the labors of County Engineer Walter C. Smith and Judge Jordan is chiefly due the credit for the complete system of roadways in this vicinity.

When the present form of the criminal court for Ohio county was instituted in 1893, Mr. Jordan was the appointee of Governor McCorkle as first judge of the court. At the general election of 1894 Judge Hughes was chosen to preside over this court, and remained in the office for two terms of six years each. Then in 1906 he was succeeded by Judge Jordan, who has given the county a splendid record for efficiency and thorough and impartial handling of the cases committed to his jurisdiction. Judge Jordan is a Republican in politics. He is a member of Wheeling Lodge, No. 28, of the order of Elks, and his church is the Presbyterian.

Judge Jordan married Miss Emma J. Arndt, a daughter of Jacob and Jane (Campbell) Arndt. Three children were born to them, and the two living are Frances J. and Texa W.

JOHN L. DICKEY, M. D.—As one of the able and essentially representative physicians and surgeons of his native city of Wheeling and as a member of one of the old and sterling families of this favored section of the state, there is all of consistency in according in this publication specific recognition to Dr. Dickey, and further consonance is lent by reason of the high stand taken by him as a citizen of fine civic ideals and utmost loyalty. He is well known in the community and has given his influence and co-operation in support of measures and enterprises advanced for its general good. In his profession he has achieved high rank and controls a large and representative practice, besides which he served as a valued member of the West Virginia state board of health two terms (1903-1911).

Dr. John Lindsay Dickey was born in Wheeling, at the old family homestead on Market street, and the date of his nativity was January 23, 1855. He is one of the three surviving children of the late John R. and Elizabeth (Vance) Dickey, the former of whom was born at Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and the latter at Triadelphia, West Virginia. The father devoted the major part of his active career to merchandising and he established the Peoples Bank and was cashier of the institution until his death in 1864. He was long numbered among the honored and influential citizens of Wheeling, where both he and his wife continued to reside until their deaths. Dr. Dickey was afforded the advantages of a home of distinctive culture and refinement and after effective discipline in the public schools and in fine old Linsly Institute, in Wheeling, he was matriculated in Washington & Jefferson College, at Washington, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1876, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1879 his alma mater conferred upon him the supplemental degree of Master of Arts.

In preparation for the exacting work of his chosen profession Dr. Dickey entered the celebrated Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, and from this institution, one of the greatest medical schools of the country, he was graduated in 1883, with the well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. He forthwith opened an office in Wheeling, where he has been actively engaged in general practice during the intervening period of more than a quarter of a century and where he has built up a large and representative practice, based alike on his exceptional

skill and his gracious personality, which has gained for him a secure place in the regard of all to whom he has ministered, as well as those with whom he has come in contact in the various other relations of life. His work as a physician has been assiduous and self-abnegating and he has kept in close touch with the advances made in both departments of his profession, to the periodical literature of which he has made valuable contributions from time to time. He was a member of the state board of health from 1903 to 1911, having been appointed to the position by Governor A. B. White, and did much to promote the efficiency of its work. He is actively identified with the Ohio County Medical Society, the West Virginia State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Dickey has manifested no predilection for the entanglements or rewards of practical politics, but he is unwavering in his allegiance to the Republican party and always desirous of promoting good governmental policies, both local and general. He served as a member of the board of education of Wheeling from 1885 to 1897, has been president of the Wheeling Young Men's Christian Association since 1902 and is a most zealous worker in behalf of the same, and both he and his wife are earnest and devoted members of the Vance Memorial Presbyterian church. He has been secretary of the Twilight Club since its organization in 1895, is a member of the board of governors of the University Club of Wheeling and he served the full term of five years, from 1877 to 1882, in the West Virginia National Guard, in which he was captain of the Mathews Light Guard, of Wheeling. The Doctor has various capitalistic interests in his home city, where he is a director of the National Exchange Bank, of the Security Trust Company, of the Mutual Electric Company, of the State Bank of Elm Grove, of the City and Elm Grove Railroad, and is president of the National Telephone Corporation.

On the 31st of October, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Dickey to Miss Alice Lafon Reed, daughter of Colin M. and Sarah (Chapman) Reed, of Washington, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Dickey was born and reared. She is a popular figure in connection with the leading social activities of her home city and is specially zealous in connection with the work of the Vance Memorial Presbyterian church. Dr. and Mrs. Dickey have no children.

JAMES V. DICKEY.—One of the prominent representatives of the life-insurance and financial interests of Wheeling, Mr. Dickey is in the general insurance and brokerage business. He has been a resident of Wheeling from the time of his birth and is a scion of one of the old and honored families of this section of the state. He was born on the 18th of October, 1852, and is a son of John R. and Elizabeth (Vance) Dickey, who continued to maintain their home in Wheeling until their deaths, secure in the high regard of all who knew them.

James Vance Dickey duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools of his native city, and supplemented this by an effective course in Linsly Institute, one of the admirable educational institutions of Wheeling. As a business man he has long held secure and admirable vantage ground in his home city and none takes a more lively interest in the furtherance of those measures and enterprises that make for civic and material progress and prosperity. Mr. Dickey and his wife are active and valued members of the First United Presbyterian church of Wheeling; he was a member of the Mathews Light Guards, a local military organization, during its existence. Though he has had no as-



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piration for public office he is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the Republican party.

In the year 1898 Mr. Dickey was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Dean McDonald, daughter of the late Captain James McDonald, of Wheeling, and they are popular factors in the social activities of Wheeling. They have no children.

LEO B. KLETZLY.—One of the native sons of Wheeling who has here found ample opportunity for productive effort and who has gained a place as one of the popular and representative business men of the city is Mr. Kletzly, who is here engaged in the commercial stationery business, with a well equipped establishment at 1308 Market street. He began work in this same establishment when a mere boy, and the original firm of Carle Brothers was succeeded by Albert Dittmar in 1897. Mr. Kletzly continued in the employ of the new proprietor until 1904, when he purchased the business, which he has since conducted most successfully at the original stand, which has thus been the stage of virtually his entire active business career—a career marked by energy, earnest application and sterling integrity of purpose, so that he naturally commands the respect and confidence of the community which has ever represented his home.

Leo B. Kletzly was born in Wheeling, on the 3rd of October, 1880, and is a son of Joseph and Ellen (White) Kletzly. The mother still maintains her home in this city, where the father had given his attention principally to the vocation of nailer at the Top & Belmont Mills of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company. He whose name initiates this review attended a private school until he had attained to the age of eleven years, and thereafter he completed a two years' course in the night classes of the Wheeling Business College, having in the meanwhile initiated his association with practical business affairs, as has already been stated in this context. He has thoroughly familiarized himself with all details of his present line of business, in which he carries a large and well selected stock of commercial stationery and supplies and in which he caters to a substantial and appreciative trade. He maintains his home in Edgewood, one of the beautiful suburbs of Wheeling, and is now serving his fourth term as a member of the council of the village. He is a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade, the Wheeling Business Men's Association, and the Municipal Improvement League, and these connections indicate significantly his civic loyalty and public spirit. Though never active in the domain of practical politics Mr. Kletzly gives his allegiance to the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church, in which they are identified with the parish of St. Michaels church. He is affiliated with Wheeling Council, No. 504, Knights of Columbus, and with Wheeling Lodge, No. 28, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On the 4th of October, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kletzly to Miss Mary Schafer, who was born and reared at Wheeling, West Virginia, and who is a daughter of Joseph and Barbara Schafer, who still reside in Wheeling, where the father was a prosperous baker until his retirement from active business. Mr. and Mrs. Kletzly have three children,—Charles Edward, Leo Joseph and John Francis.

ROBERT JEFFREY REED, M. D.—The history of the medical profession in Wheeling contains the names of many who have been distinguished for their services and ability both past and present, and of those composing the present personnel of the profession one of the first

to be mentioned is Dr. Reed, who for many years has been a successful physician and surgeon and an active citizen.

He was born at Burnsville, near Washington, Pennsylvania, in 1859, a son of John and Jane (Burns) Reed. From the West Alexander Academy he entered Washington & Jefferson College, where he was graduated, and he holds the degree of Master of Arts from that institution. He studied medicine in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York and was graduated M. D. in 1884. His hospital interne service followed (1884 and 1885) in the West Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh. Besides attending to the demands of a large practice as physician and surgeon he served as health officer of Wheeling in 1887-88, and is visiting surgeon to the Wheeling City Hospital. Dr. Reed has been a member of the Wheeling board of education since 1904, and is active in promoting all movements for civic improvement. He is a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian church of this city.

Dr. Reed married Miss Mary Louise Butler, daughter of William F. and Ann (Bates) Butler. Her maternal grandfather was Dr. William J. Bates, Sr., an eminent physician and citizen. Her father, Mr. Butler, now retired, was for many years associated with the Bank of Wheeling. Dr. Reed and wife have one son, Robert Jeffrey Reed, Jr.

W. E. STONE.—Among the most important of the concerns which contribute to the commercial prestige and prosperity of Wheeling is the department store of Stone & Thomas, one of the largest businesses of its kind in this part of the United States. The president of this large corporation is W. E. Stone, whose gifts and abilities, not alone as a business man, but quite as much as a force for the attainment of civic welfare and progress, entitle him to representation in this volume in very definite manner. Mr. Stone is well known not only for his own unblemished record as a man and a citizen but also for his honored ancestry, his father having been one of the most eminent of the builders of Wheeling.

Mr. Stone was born December 29, 1863, and is a son of E. J. and Elizabeth (Thomas) Stone. The father was the founder of the business of which the subject is now the head, its establishment having occurred in the year 1847, and his successful leadership of the same continued for a period of forty years, or until his death, which was in the year 1887, when his years numbered sixty-seven. The elder gentleman was of marked individuality, bold in conceiving and daring in execution, and he accomplished much. Not only was he a successful man in business, but in civic affairs as well, and it would be difficult to overestimate the value of his services to the municipality. He served Wheeling as a member of the council, inaugurated many substantial improvements and any movement launched for the betterment of social and industrial conditions found in him a staunch supporter. He was also a prominent factor in religious work and was a liberal contributor to all denominations, although himself a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he was a Republican, having subscribed to the policies and principles of the Grand Old Party since his earliest voting days. He and his wife became the parents of the following children, who lived to maturity: J. T., Rev. J. S., E. L., W. E., Mrs. M. C. Davis, Mrs. H. F. Jones and Mrs. (Dr.) Telson. Although a great many years have elapsed since the demise of this fine man, his memory will not soon be lost in the city to whose upbuilding he contributed so generously.

W. E. Stone, immediate subject of this brief record and son of the foregoing, was born in this city and received his educational discipline

in the public schools and Linsley Institute of Wheeling. When a very young man he found a fertile field for his activities awaiting him in the mercantile business of his father and uncle, and he continued therein as an employe until a few years prior to his father's death, when he practically assumed the management of a business which has developed into one of the largest in the state. This result has been largely due to the keen foresight and executive ability of Mr. Stone. The present building occupies a floor space of seventy-two thousand two hundred and sixty feet and houses a stock which is comparable to that carried by the stores of New York and Chicago. An idea of its growth may be obtained from the statement that whereas the old store, its predecessor, employed a corps of seven clerks, today there are entered upon the pay roll upwards of two hundred persons. On June 22, 1903, the Stone & Thomas Company was incorporated with the following officers: W. E. Stone, president; E. L. Stone, vice-president; W. E. Rownd, general manager and treasurer; and F. C. Woodcock, secretary. The store is situated at 1026-28-30-32 Main street and its New York and Paris offices are maintained at 320-322 Church street and 21 Rue De L'echiquier.

Like his honored father, Mr. Stone has taken an active interest in the civic affairs of his native city. It was by means of his untiring energy and that of Mr. George A. Laughlin that the Board of Trade of the city of Wheeling was organized, this institution having done much to advance the commercial and industrial interests of the city. It was also through the indefatigable work of these public-spirited gentlemen that the erection of the Board of Trade building was brought about. Herein is located one of the handsomest playhouses (the Court Theatre) south of the Mason and Dixon line. Mr. Stone and others were at the head of the organization of the municipal league, which has as its *raison d'être* the securing of a better form of government for the city of Wheeling and Ohio county, West Virginia. This organization merits the highest commendation. Mr. Stone was one of the men who devoted much time and money to securing the beautiful Young Men's Christian Association building of this city. In addition to his own enterprise, he has many other interests of wide scope and importance, and is a director in the following institutions: The National Exchange Bank, The Security Trust Company, the Pan Handle Traction Company, the McMechen Preserving Company, the Wheeling Bridge Company, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Home for the Aged, and the Friendless Women, and Market House Auditorium Company. In the face of what seemed certain defeat, Mr. Stone was successful in raising a sum sufficient for the erection, in 1911, of the building housing the last named institution. Nothing likely to make of Wheeling a greater and better place passes the notice of Mr. Stone, who stands ever ready with a willing hand and open purse to bring about its success.

Mr. Stone is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is at the present time serving as treasurer of its finance committee. He is a prominent clubman, acting as president of the Country Club and holding membership in the Fort Henry Club. He is unmarried and maintains his residence at 48 South Front street. Mr. Stone possesses a well-poised intellect and those qualifications which enable him to hold positions of responsibility and trust in a manner to merit the confidence of the public. No man in the city of Wheeling stands higher in the estimation of his fellow citizens or is more truly worthy of their trust and admiration.

JAMES R. FITTON.—Within the province of this historical edition is properly included consideration of the various cities and villages which contribute to the material and civic prominence of the section designated as "Greater Wheeling and Vicinity," and one of the most important of the cities thus lying in the assigned territory is Bellaire, Belmont county, Ohio. Within the pages of the publication at hand will be found represented many of the leading business men and public officials of this thriving little city, and there is all of propriety in according such recognition to the able and popular chief of the well equipped fire department of Bellaire. Besides being the incumbent of this office Mr. Fitton also has prestige as one of the substantial and progressive business men of the city, where he conducts a successful plumbing business, with headquarters on Thirty-third street.

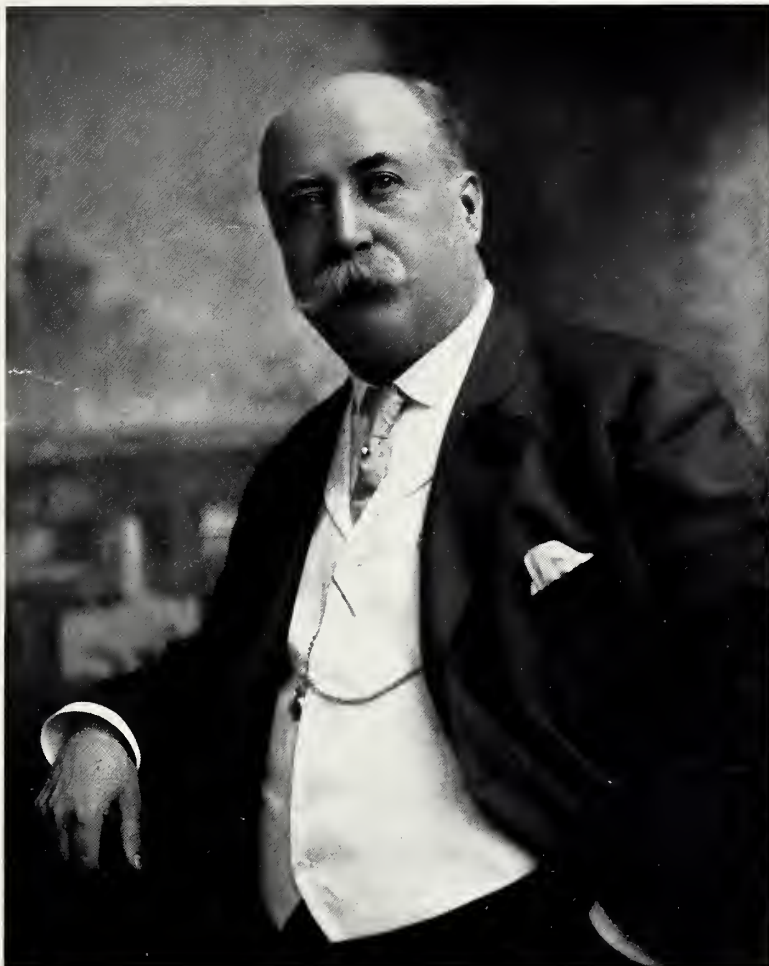
James R. Fitton was born in the city that is now his home and the date of his nativity was December 15, 1873. He is a son of James and Anna M. (Trisler) Fitton, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, with whose history the name of the Trisler family has been identified since the pioneer era. James Fitton was reared to the age of twelve in his native land and after coming to Wheeling, he learned the plumber's trade. He followed his vocation in Wheeling for some time and then engaged in business for himself in Bellaire, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1893, and where he ever commanded secure place in popular confidence and esteem. His wife survived him by more than fifteen years and was summoned to the life eternal in March, 1911, secure in the affectionate regard of all who knew her. Of the eight children James R., of this review, is the youngest, and of the others one son and five daughters are living.

To the public schools of Bellaire James R. Fitton is indebted for his early educational discipline, which included the curriculum of the high school, and when a mere boy he began to assist in the work of his father's plumbing establishment, in which he learned all details of the business and in which he continued in charge after the death of his honored father, until July 1, 1911, when he purchased the interests of the heirs. He has built up a large and profitable enterprise and gives service of the best order, so that he receives a representative patronage.

When nineteen years of age Mr. Fitton joined the hook and ladder company of the volunteer fire department of Bellaire, and he was captain of the same for six years. He was appointed chief of the department by the mayor of the city in 1903, and has since continued as the valued head of this important division of the municipal service, to the furtherance of the efficiency of which, both in equipment and discipline, he has contributed much. In politics he accords allegiance to the Republican party, and he is affiliated with local organizations of the Masonic fraternity, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of Pythias, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

December 16, 1896, bore record of the marriage of Mr. Fitton to Miss Ina M. Edgar, who was born and reared at Barnesville, Ohio, and they have two children—Sarah Elizabeth and Anna Esther.

CHARLES C. SCHMIDT.—The present mayor of the city of Wheeling has here maintained his home since his boyhood and no further evidence of his accomplishment and of his high standing in the esteem of the community could be asked than is offered in his having been chosen as chief executive of the municipal government of the fair metropolis of West Virginia, where he is now serving his third term in this office. To have thus been retained so long a period as mayor of the city shows



Chas. C. Schmidt

that his administration of municipal affairs has been efficient, progressive and acceptable, and none takes a deeper interest in the furtherance of measures and enterprises tending to advance the material and civic prosperity of the city. Mayor Schmidt has given to his official duties the strength, loyalty and broad-minded policies of a resolute, independent and sterling character, and no citizen enjoys a fuller measure of popular confidence and approbation.

Charles C. Schmidt was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, on the 7th of January, 1853, and here he gained his early educational discipline in the public schools. He is a son of the late Captain Charles C. and Millie (Dittes) Schmidt, both of whom were born at Wurtemberg, Germany. The father devoted the major part of his active career to the shoe business and both he and his wife passed the closing years of their lives in Washington, Pennsylvania, secure in the high esteem of all who knew them. The future mayor of Wheeling was a lad of sixteen years at the time of establishing his home in this city, in 1869, and in the same year he became an employe of Anton Reymann, with whom he has continued to be actively associated during the long intervening years, within which he has become a partner in the brewing business that was established many years ago by his honored friend and associate. He has gained success and precedence through his own well directed endeavors and has been an influential factor in public affairs in his home city. He is a member of the directorate of the National Bank of West Virginia and also that of the Central Glass Works, besides which he is a director of each the West Virginia State Fair Association, the Altenheim Home for the Aged, the Associated Board of Charities in Wheeling, and the local Elks Club.

In politics Mayor Schmidt has ever been found enrolled as a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Democratic party and his special eligibility for positions of public trust did not long lack objective appreciation. He served as president of the board of public works for two terms of four years each and he represented the Fourth Ward in the first branch of the city council for twelve consecutive years. In 1904 he was first elected mayor of Wheeling, and his record in this office has been admirable in every way. The popular estimate placed upon his administration is shown in the fact that he is now serving his third consecutive term, two terms of two years each, and his present term of four years, and the people of the city well realize that its affairs are well placed in the loyal and effective care of its present chief executive.

Mayor Schmidt is affiliated with the local organizations of the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the National Union, the Order of Unity, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has been specially active in the affairs of this last named fraternity, in which he was elected as grand trustee of the Grand Lodge, in the city of Philadelphia, in 1907, for a term of three years, at the expiration of which, at the convention held in Detroit, Michigan, in 1910, he was re-elected for the long term of five years. He served eight years as exalted ruler of Wheeling lodge, No. 28, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A man of democratic and genial personality, staunch in his loyalty and ever considerate of the opinions of others, Mayor Schmidt has a circle of friends that is essentially coincident with that of his acquaintances.

On the 7th of June, 1878, at the home of the bride's parents on West Main street in the city of Wheeling, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Schmidt to Miss Minnie Dunbar, who was here born and reared and who is a daughter of the late George J. Dunbar. The three chil-

dren of this union are: Nellie, who is now the wife of James M. Collins, of Wheeling. He is now engaged in the manufacturing of electrical supplies in Wheeling. Frank L., who is engaged in the drug business in this city. He attended the University of Virginia four years and then entered the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he graduated, after which he engaged in the drug business at the corner of Market and Fourteenth streets, Wheeling. He married Miss Sarah McLure, daughter of H. W. McLure, a representative citizen and business man of Wheeling. Carl O. attended the first (Linsly) institute, Wheeling, later the Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania, and now a student at the University of Virginia, class of 1912. He was admitted to the bar in July, 1911, at the age of twenty years.

ALBERT S. MAHONE.—Within the pages of this publication will be found represented a due quota of the leading citizens of Bellaire, a thriving little Ohio city whose location brings it well within the province of the historical work here presented. Thus is given the privilege of according such recognition to the able and popular chief of police of Bellaire—a public official who is indefatigable in his efforts to administer properly the duties of his important position, who has established a most effective discipline in his department and whose genial personality and sterling character have gained to him secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of his home community. Chief Mahone was marshal of Bellaire before the city police force was organized, and he has been at the head of the latter from the time of its inception, in 1903, under the administration of Mayor Nicholson. Upon him largely devolved the formulating and systematizing of the work of the new and more metropolitan department, and its high standard offers the best voucher for the efficiency of his work in this direction. At the start there were eight patrolmen, and this constituted the force until 1906, when three more men were added. The personnel of the executive corps of the department at the present time is here noted: Albert S. Mahone, superintendent and chief; John Hummel, captain; John Stroebel, lieutenant; and Henry McCready, sergeant.

Albert S. Mahone was born in the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, on the 27th of October, 1864, and is a son of Lucien and Josephine (Powell) Mahone. His mother had been principal in the public schools of Wheeling and she died when he was but sixteen months old. He was reared in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Charlotte A. Mason, with whom he came to Bellaire when he was ten years of age. After duly availing himself of the advantages of the public schools the future chief of police secured employment in a nail factory in Bellaire, and in connection with the operations of the same he continued to be engaged for a decade, after which he was employed in the Bellaire steel works for a number of years. He entered public service by being appointed patrolman, under the regime of Isaac Frees, and after serving in this capacity for a period of four years he was elected marshal of the village, an office of which he continued the incumbent until the establishing of the present city police department, of which he has been the executive head from the beginning, as has already been noted.

Chief Mahone is a staunch Republican in politics and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, as well as with the local organizations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of the Golder Eagle and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his aunt, Mrs. Mason, has long

been a most devoted member. He is a bachelor and still maintains his home with his venerable aunt, who is now eighty-nine years of age (1911), and who is one of the oldest women in this section. She receives from him the most genuine filial solicitude and thus has reward for the earnest care and devotion which she gave to him in his childhood and youth and through which were formed the most gracious ties of mutual love and appreciation.

GEORGE W. ALTHAR.—The thriving little city of Bellaire, Ohio, has its full complement of well conducted and excellently equipped retail mercantile establishments, and prominent among the number is the popular clothing store owned and conducted by him whose name initiates this review and who is known as one of the representative business men of the younger generation in his native county. Mr. Althar has won independence and success through his own well directed efforts, is held in unequivocal esteem in his home community and as a citizen stands exemplar of progressive ideas and insistent loyalty. He is serving in the office of city clerk and is closely identified with local interests, so that there is all of consistency in giving him representation in this "History of Greater Wheeling and Vicinity."

George W. Althar was born at Rock Hill, Belmont county, Ohio, on the 13th of September, 1879, and is a son of George A. and Catherine (Haney) Althar, both of whom were likewise born in the old Buckeye state and both of whom now maintain their home at Bellaire, Ohio. The father came to Belmont county soon after the close of the Civil war, and for many years he was actively engaged in the work of his trade, that of blacksmith, besides which he has been identified with other lines of enterprise in the county. He to whom this sketch is dedicated is indebted to the public schools of his native county for his early educational advantages, which were most effectively supplemented by the discipline gained in a newspaper office—a training that has consistently been pronounced equivalent to a liberal education. For two years he was employed in the office of the Bellaire News Depot, and he then severed his association with the "art preservative" and the activities of journalism to assume the position of salesman in a local clothing store. He learned the business in all its details and by the careful conservation of his resources he was finally able to purchase the stock and business. Since that time he has conducted the enterprise with cumulative success, showing discrimination in the selection of stock in the clothing and men's furnishing departments and catering to a large and appreciative patronage. His reputation for fair and liberal dealings constitutes a valuable commercial asset, and he is known as one of the enterprising and substantial business men of Bellaire, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. In 1905 the city council appointed him to the office of city clerk and he has since retained this incumbency, in which he has done all in his power to further the best interests of his home city and its people. In politics Mr. Althar is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the Republican party, he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Pythias, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church.

On the 26th of November, 1908, Mr. Althar was united in marriage to Miss Monta Tolmie, who was born and reared in Belmont county and whose parents, Andrew and Matilda (Snodgrass) Tolmie, still reside at Bellaire, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Althar are popular factors in the social activities of Bellaire and their home is brightened by the presence of their fine little son, Richard T.

CHARLES W. LANCASTER.—Holding the position of assistant postmaster of Bellaire and identified with business interests as stockholder in the McVay Hardware Company, Mr. Lancaster is one of the representative citizens of Bellaire. His original official appointment was made during the administration of Postmaster Gow, at the time when the lamented President McKinley was the nation's chief executive, and was reaffirmed by the present postmaster, Orlando P. Mason, of whom individual mention is made on other pages of this volume.

Mr. Lancaster views with a due measure of pride and satisfaction the fact that he can claim the fine old Buckeye commonwealth as the place of his nativity, and that he is a scion of one of the pioneer families of Washington county, this state. There he was born, on a farm near Marietta, on the 7th of April, 1866, and in the same county were born his parents, James L. and Mary (Huff) Lancaster. The father of James L. Lancaster was born and reared in England, whence he immigrated to America when a young man to become one of the pioneer settlers of Washington county, Ohio, where he reclaimed a farm and became a citizen of prominence and influence and where both he and his wife continued to reside until their deaths.

The rudimentary education of Charles W. Lancaster was secured in the public schools of his native county and was supplemented by the advantages of the public schools of Bellaire. Here, at the age of sixteen years, he entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of glass-blower, and after becoming skilled in this vocation he was employed at the different glass factories in this locality for varying intervals. He continued to be thus engaged until he was appointed to the position of assistant postmaster, of which he is the efficient and popular incumbent. He is a stalwart in the local camp of the Republican party, is broad-minded and public-spirited in his civic attitude and takes a deep interest in the furtherance of measures and enterprises tending to advance the welfare of Bellaire, where, as already stated, he is a stockholder in the McVay Hardware Company, one of the prominent retail concerns of the city. He is affiliated with Bellaire Lodge, No. 267, Free and Accepted Masons, and he and his family hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Bellaire.

On the 5th of April, 1892, Mr. Lancaster led to the hymeneal altar Miss Josie O. Crow, who was born and reared in Bellaire and concerning whose parents adequate mention is made elsewhere in this work, in the sketch of the career of her brother, R. E. Crow, the present city auditor of Bellaire. Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster have three children—Lane W., Leah L. and Dorothy Jean.

JOSEPH C. BRADY.—A native son of the city of Wheeling who has proved worthy of an ancestral heritage of noteworthy order and who has marked by distinctive personal accomplishment a place of his own in connection with economic, industrial and financial affairs in the state of West Virginia, Joseph C. Brady is entitled to special recognition in this work, and is known as one of the representative business men and progressive and public-spirited citizens of Wheeling, where he has varied interests of important order and where much of his time and attention are given to the administration of the affairs of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, of which he is vice-president and treasurer.

At the family homestead on Eoff street, in the city of Wheeling, Joseph C. Brady was ushered into the world on the 23rd of September, 1851, and he is a son of Sobieski and Mary E. S. (Caldwell) Brady, being the eighth in order of birth of their fifteen children. He gained

his early educational discipline in the schools of Wheeling and supplemented this by attending a private school in Albemarle county, Virginia. At the age of nineteen years he secured the position of bookkeeper in a wholesale hardware establishment in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained three years. He then returned to Wheeling and became bookkeeper in the National Bank of West Virginia. Later he was an office executive in the wholesale grocery house of Joseph Speidel & Company, of this city, and upon severing this association he became manager of the *Wheeling Evening Standard*, one of the leading daily papers of the city. His connection with this paper continued until 1880, when he became secretary and manager of the Wheeling Hinge Company, in which position he continued until that company was consolidated with the Hazel Atlas Glass Company, of which company he now is vice-president and treasurer. This is one of the most important industrial concerns in its lines of manufacture in the United States, with factories in Washington, Pennsylvania, Clarksburg and Wheeling, West Virginia, and with general offices in Wheeling. He has gained strong vantage ground as one of the most alert, aggressive and thoroughly representative business men of his native city, to which his loyalty is of the most insistent and appreciative type. He is ever ready to give his influence and tangible co-operation in support of measures and enterprises tending to advance the civic and material progress and prosperity of his home city, and he has been a prominent factor in connection with public affairs of a local order, besides which he represented his native county in the state legislature for one term, having been elected in 1894, and in 1896 he was unanimously nominated to the state senate, when a nomination was equivalent to election, but owing to business engagements he declined the nomination. He is well fortified in his opinions as to matters of public polity and is unwavering in his allegiance to the cause of the Republican party. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which they hold membership in the parish of St. Matthew's church, of whose vestry he is a valued member. He is identified with leading fraternal and other civic organizations in his home city and his unequivocal personal popularity shows that he has fully measured up to public approbation. The beautiful family home is located in Pleasant Valley, one of the most attractive residence sections contiguous to Wheeling, and here is dispensed a hospitality that well upbears the prestige of the gracious old southern regime.

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On the 5th of October, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Brady to Miss Anna Gill Hubbard, who was born and reared in Wheeling, and who is a daughter of the late Hon. Chester D. and Sarah (Pallister) Hubbard. Mr. and Mrs. Brady became the parents of seven children, of whom three are living at the parental home. Alice, who was graduated from Wheaton Seminary, near the city of Boston, Massachusetts, as a member of the class of 1900; Hester, who attended school at Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Marjorie, the youngest of the three children, and who is a member of the class of 1911 of Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM SOBIESKI BRADY is not only one of the representative business men of his native city, where he is president of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, one of the important industrial concerns of the United States, but he is also a member of one of the old and distinguished families of the West Virginia metropolis, where his father, the late Sobieski Brady, was long a prominent and influential citizen.

William S. Brady was born at the old family homestead on Eoff street, in the city of Wheeling, and the date of his nativity was September 4, 1853. Here he completed his academic education in the Linsly Institute, and his initial business experience was gained through his service as cashier in the office of the *Wheeling Intelligencer*, then the leading daily paper of the state. In 1880 he became identified with the glass manufacturing industry, by assuming the position of cashier in the offices of the firm of Hobbs, Brockunier & Company of Wheeling, with which concern he continued to be connected until 1887, when he went to Fostoria, Seneca county, Ohio, to accept the position of secretary of the Fostoria Glass Works. He was one of the original stockholders and organizers of the company and still retains his interest in the same. In 1892 the company transferred its business to Moundsville, West Virginia, where a large and thoroughly modern plant was erected, and there Mr. Brady continued as an active executive officer of the corporation until 1900, when he retired, though still retaining his interest in the enterprise, as has already been noted. In the year last mentioned he returned to Wheeling and became one of the organizers and incorporators of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, whose general offices are maintained in this city. They are the largest manufacturers in their line and they maintain factories at Wheeling and Clarksburg, West Virginia, and three at Washington, Pennsylvania. They are capitalized at \$2,000,000 and employ 3,500 people. Mr. Brady has been and is a potent force in its interests. He maintains his home at Woodsdale, one of the most attractive residence districts of Wheeling, and he is known as one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens who are aiding to advance the industrial and commercial prestige of his native state. Although he has never taken an active part in politics he is known to as many people and as greatly beloved as any man in Wheeling, and no man in private life has more warm personal friends.

In 1879 he was married to Sally Z., daughter of Dr. E. A. Hildreth of this city. Mr. Brady is vestryman and warden of St. Matthew's church.

SOBIESKI BRADY, although he has been dead nearly twenty-three years, will always live in the memory of those residents of Wheeling who were contemporary with him. From the time of his first advent in the city until his summons to the world beyond his connection was always tending towards the betterment of conditions in both city and state. He was a born leader, always ready to give his services freely, following when some more efficient captain took the lead. Having served the city for a quarter of a century in different capacities, he is still remembered as an unusually competent public servant; nor was his activity confined within the limits of the city, it extended throughout the state where he served as secretary and treasurer. His private life was characterized by the strictest moral rectitude, which uprightness he carried with him in all of his dealings, political or otherwise.

He was born November 28, 1816, in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was the son of Reverend Joseph Brady, also a native of Pennsylvania, and a representative member of the clergy of the Presbyterian church in the Keystone state, where the family was founded in the pioneer days. Reverend Joseph Brady was a son of Joseph Brady, who was one of the patriotic citizens to go forth as a soldier in the Continental line in the war of the Revolution, in which he rendered valiant service. His brothers, General Hugh Brady and Samuel Brady, were likewise Revolutionary soldiers. Reverend Joseph Brady was a



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highly educated man, being a graduate of Dickinson College, where he received his theological training. He then entered the ministry in the Presbyterian church, becoming celebrated in the east for his eloquence as well as for his goodness and charity. He married Matilda Foster, young woman of beautiful character and disposition, admirably suited to assist her husband in his pastoral work, though unfortunately their married life was very brief, for she died after giving birth to her son, Sobieski. Less than five years later her husband followed her, having crowded into his years so much service that his life's work might well be regarded as complete.

Sobieski Brady, deprived of his father's care at the age when he most needed loving guidance and wise control, was reared by his maternal uncle, Dr. Alfred Foster, a celebrated physician in the vicinity of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The boy received both love and care in his uncle's household and was given a good, all-around education, which he repaid by loving service. He was quick to learn and thorough in everything he attempted, so that when in 1832, at the age of sixteen, he was appointed teller of the Bank of Carlisle, his youth was not considered any detriment. He continued to reside in Carlisle until 1835, when he accepted the position of correspondence clerk in the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia. When he was only twenty-two years of age he had shown such discrimination, ability and judgment that he was sent by the above named institution to Wheeling, Virginia, in 1837, to assume the position of cashier of the newly organized Farmers and Mechanics' Bank (now the National Exchange), which was at that time virtually an adjunct of the Philadelphia bank of the same name. He continued in this position until the bank was reorganized as the Merchants and Mechanics' Bank, later taking out a national charter as the Merchants' National Bank, of which he became cashier, an office of which he continued the incumbent until the 31st of January, 1875, when Governor Jacobs appointed him state treasurer, in this office continuing in tenure until he was given further mark of appreciative recognition by receiving from Governor Matthews appointment to the office of secretary of state. He served in this capacity for one term, and his record as a public official is marked by wise and careful administrative policies, through which the best interests of this commonwealth were conserved.

He continued to maintain his home in Wheeling until his death, which occurred September 16, 1888, and his name is held in lasting honor in the city and state to whose civic and material progress and prosperity he contributed much, both as a public official and as an enterprising business man. He served as a member of the city council of Wheeling for a number of years, and evidence of popular confidence and esteem was given by his being chosen mayor of the city, of which position he was the incumbent for several terms. His administration of municipal affairs was marked by the same fidelity and ability that characterized his relation with all other interests, and his service as councilman and mayor covered a period of more than a quarter of a century—a record virtually without a parallel in the history of the metropolis of West Virginia. On the 31st of January, 1850, he received from the city council a large and beautiful silver pitcher, presented in token of appreciation of his services and appropriately inscribed. He was a staunch Democrat in his political allegiance and was a man of great moral and intellectual force, well equipped for leadership. Both he and his wife were zealous communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church and were especially active and liberal in support

of the work of their local parish, that of St. Matthew's church, of which he was vestryman and senior warden for twenty-six years.

On the 29th of August, 1836, was solemnized the marriage of Sobieski Brady to Miss Mary E. S. Caldwell, who was born in Wheeling in 1821, and who was a daughter of Judge Alexander Caldwell. They became the parents of fifteen children, of whom four sons and three daughters survive the honored parents, the devoted wife and mother having been summoned to the life eternal in August, 1897.

CHARLES NEAVE BRADY.—Among those whose fine initiative and constructive powers have had potent influence in furthering the industrial and civic development and upbuilding of Wheeling, and who are worthy of designation as veritable captains of industry, is Charles N. Brady, a native son of the fair metropolis of West Virginia and one of the honored and essentially representative citizens of this commonwealth. He is a scion of one of the sterling old families of this state and in his character and services he has well upheld the prestige of the honored name which he bears. His industrial and other capitalistic interests are of broad scope and importance and he was one of the founders of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, of which he is now Chairman and in the development of whose splendid enterprise he has been one of the most potent factors. The foregoing statements indicate how thoroughly consonant is the according of recognition to Mr. Brady in this history of "Greater Wheeling."

Charles N. Brady was born in Wheeling, on the 29th of May, 1849, and is a son of Sobieski and Mary E. S. (Caldwell) Brady. The father devoted the major part of his active career to banking and later filled the offices of Treasurer and Secretary of State of West Virginia. Charles N. Brady was afforded the advantages of the schools of Wheeling and in 1868 he was a student in Kenyon College, at Gambier, Ohio, after which, in 1869-70, he attended Norwood College, at Norwood, Virginia. In 1870 he secured employment in the offices of Hobbs, Brockunier & Company, glass manufacturers, in Wheeling, for which concern he was cashier for some time and later their traveling representative in the west for several years. In 1880 he became associated with others in the organization of the Riverside Glass Company, at Wellsburg, Brooke county, and he was president of this corporation until 1887, when he severed his connection therewith and organized the Hazel Glass Company at Washington, Pennsylvania, of which he continued as president and as the chief force in the upbuilding of its substantial business until 1902, when it was merged with the Atlas Glass Company, the Republic Glass Company, the Wheeling Metal Company and the Wheeling Hinge Company. The consolidated enterprises were incorporated under the present title of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, and he is now Chairman of the corporation, in which his services are largely in an advisory capacity and the directing of administrative policies. The concern is one of the most important of the many large industrial corporations which lend solidity and commercial precedence to Wheeling and the business has wide ramifications in its various departments. William S. Brady is president of the company; Joseph C. Brady, vice-president and treasurer; George G. Oliver, general manager; and Alexander B. Paxton, secretary. The factories of the company are located at Wheeling and Clarksburg, this state, and Washington, Pennsylvania, and the output consists of fruit jars, glass specialties, bottles and tumblers, and opal and amber ware for packers and druggists.

Mr. Brady has given his capitalistic support and fine executive ability to the promotion and upbuilding of other important enterprises than the one just noted, and this is indicated by the connections he now maintains, among which may be mentioned the following: President of the Tennessee Valley Iron & Railroad Company, the Superior Lumber and Tie Company, the Capital Mining & Tunnel Company, the Clinton Coke Company and the Diamond Alkali Company of Ohio; and a director in each of the following named corporations: The Washington Trust Company and the Citizens' National Bank, both of Washington, Pennsylvania, where he is also a trustee of Washington & Jefferson College and a director of Washington Hospital; and he is a director in the National Hydro-Carbon Company.

Broad-minded and public-spirited as a citizen and known as a man of impregnable integrity of purpose, Mr. Brady has a secure place in the confidence and esteem of the people of his native city, in whose progress and prosperity he manifests a vital interest.

On the 21st of April, 1881, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Brady to Miss Mary Elizabeth Paxton, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of the late Elisha W. Paxton, long an honored citizen and representative business man of Wheeling. Mr. and Mrs. Brady have three children, Flora (wife of Sidney Donnan), R. Meldrum and Mary Louise, and the family is one of prominence in connection with the best social activities of Washington, Pennsylvania, where the attractive home is a center of gracious and unostentatious hospitality.

FLOYD A. KIRKLAND, who is in the general roofing business at Bellaire, his office being at 1704 Belmont street, has the only business of this kind in Bellaire and has built up a large trade, and in 1911 a branch of this establishment was opened at Shadyside. Here where practically all his life has been spent he has made himself an honorable place in the community and has a creditable record in business and social affairs.

His family has lived in this vicinity since the pioneer days. The locality of Pittsburg was the first place of settlement, and from there they moved to Mead township in Belmont county, where the grandfather was born. Here also was born Samuel A. Kirkland, the father, who has been a successful farmer and is now a resident of Monroe county. Samuel A. Kirkland married Miss Dorcas E. Culbertson, whose family came originally from Londonderry, settling near Philadelphia, thence to Guernsey county, Ohio, and finally to Harrison county. Samuel and Dorcas Kirkland had four children: Floyd A.; Miles E.; Anna E.; and Martin C., deceased.

Mr. Floyd A. Kirkland was born during a brief residence of his parents in Kansas, but when six months old was brought to Bellaire, where he was reared and received his education in the public schools. During the vacation periods he learned the trade in which he has become so proficient, and on the basis of his skill and reliable industry has made a substantial success.

He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His church is the First Presbyterian. Mr. Kirkland was married on January 16, 1910, to Miss Alberta Spencer. Her former home was at Oswego, Kansas. They have one child, Kenneth M.

SAMUEL A. KIRKLAND, now a resident of Monroe county, was for many years identified with the business life of Bellaire, and his family has been connected with the latter locality for several generations.

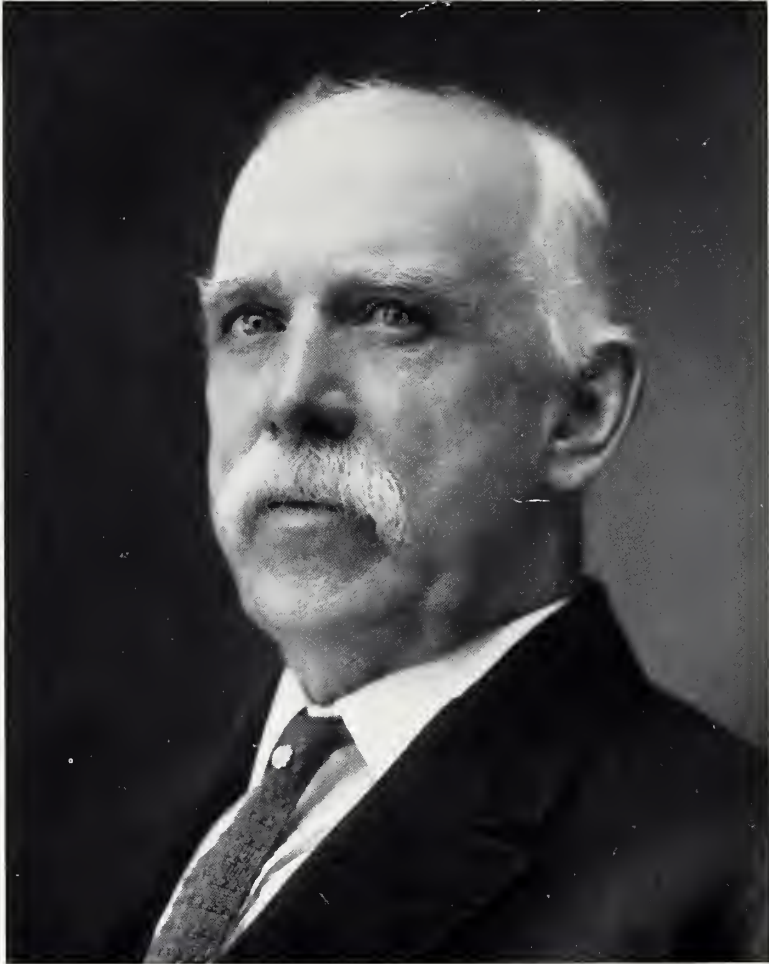
He was born in Mead township, Belmont county, June 10, 1860. His father was also born in this vicinity, and the family came here at an early date, having migrated to the western slope of the Alleghanies when the country was a wilderness. Samuel A. spent his youth on his father's farm, but had liberal educational advantages, going from the country schools to Franklin College in Harrison county, where he took the classical course. On his father's death he was obliged to leave school and assume the responsibilities of the home farm, which he managed in the interests of the family for several years. On selling the farm he bought property in Bellaire, but soon moved out to Kansas, where for six years he was engaged in farming and teaching school. On his return to Bellaire he engaged in the roofing business, and for twenty years was one of the substantial citizens of this place. After turning over his business enterprise to his son Floyd A. he moved to Clarington in Monroe county, where he is an oil operator. He is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Bellaire.

On January 26, 1888, he married Miss Dorcas E. Culbertson. Her family, originally from Londonderry, settled near Philadelphia, and thence to Ohio, and have been well known residents of Harrison county for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland were parents of the following children: Floyd A., who married Alberta Spencer and has one child, Kenneth M. (see sketch elsewhere); Miles E.; Anna E.; and Martin C., deceased.

LEE BAER, whose death on March 23, 1906, marked the passing of one of Wheeling's prosperous merchants and active citizens, was engaged in business in this city many years, and rose from errand boy to independent rank among retail merchants. His life throughout was characterized by an industry and fidelity to principle that deserved the rewards of prosperity and esteem which he enjoyed during his later years.

He was born in Böedigheim, Germany, March 15, 1858, so that he was only forty-eight at the time of his death. His parents were Israel and Caroline Baer. After spending his boyhood in his native land, where he received his schooling, he came to America, and for the first three years was in the employ of a clothing house in Baltimore. Coming to Wheeling, he began work for the Kraus Brothers clothing firm as errand boy. His ability brought him promotion to larger responsibilities, and in a few years he had won the confidence of the business community so that he was able to begin an independent career. He then withdrew from Kraus Brothers and established the clothing business on Twelfth street with which his name was so successfully associated up to the time of his death.

His marriage to Miss Hannah Heyman occurred October 15, 1890, and she survives him, her home being on Fourteenth street. Mrs. Baer is a daughter of Meyer and Justine (Meyer) Heyman. Her father, who came from France, located in Wheeling a number of years before the war and was long a prominent merchant of the city, and his family have always occupied a high place in the citizenship of Wheeling. He and his wife were parents of five children: Mrs. Baer; Miss Marie Heyman; Miss Fannie Heyman; Ralph, deceased; and Leonard Heyman. Mrs. Baer has two children, Irwin H., eighteen years of age, and Milton A., who is fifteen. The family are members of the Eoff Street Temple and Mr. Baer was a trustee.



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PLATOFF ZANE is a representative of the prominent Zane family that has been identified with Wheeling's history through all periods. The annals of the family are recorded on other pages of this work. Mr. Platoff Zane has been for many years one of the leading business men and public-spirited citizens, and has a worthy place in the history of the city to the welfare and progress of which he has been an important contributor.

He was born at Wheeling on the 12th of December, 1845, a son of Platoff and Eliza J. (Greathouse) Zane. His early education was obtained in the public schools and business college. At the age of twenty-five he was married, and then for four years was engaged in farming in this vicinity. Since then he has been located in Wheeling and engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He writes all kinds of insurance and represents a number of well-known companies. In real estate he has handled some of the largest transactions on record in Wheeling. In both lines he has a large and successful business.

In politics Mr. Zane is a stanch Democrat. His public service of most note was his four years' term as deputy sheriff under Lewis Steenrod. On September 13, 1870, he married Miss Margaret McClurg Steenrod, a daughter of George W. and Elizabeth Steenrod. They had no children, but their home was generously opened to several, who were thus reared with the comforts and advantages which Mr. and Mrs. Zane could give them. Mrs. Zane passed away on May 22, 1911. It was primarily due to her efforts that the chapel at Steenrod Place for the deaf mutes was established and erected, this being one of the important benevolent institutions of the city. Mr. Zane and his wife were members of the St. Matthew's Episcopal church.

H. BYRON BAGULEY, M. D., was for over a quarter of a century one of Wheeling's successful physicians and surgeons, and took a very prominent part in the social and civic affairs of his community. His death on May 1, 1908, at the age of fifty-two, was a distinct loss to his profession and citizenship, for he was a man of high ideals and his personality endeared him to hundreds of friends and associates.

Dr. Baguley was born at Wellsville, Ohio, July 28, 1856, a son of David and Sarah K. (Kellar) Baguley. His father, who was a native of Columbiana county, was a farmer and land owner and in later years was connected with Meadville College. The Kellar family were among the earliest settlers of the Ohio valley, their original homestead becoming noted as the Klages farm.

Dr. Baguley was educated first in the Wellsville public schools, and then entered the Ohio Medical College, where he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1881. In the same year he located at Wheeling, and at once entered upon a professional career in which his high attainments gave him success. He was in the Spanish-American war as chief surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant colonel of the First West Virginia Volunteers, and was mustered out at Augusta, Georgia, in February, 1899. He was a charter member of the Spanish War Veterans. In the order of Masonry he had attained the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite, and was a former commander of the West Virginia Commandery of Knights Templar. He and his family were also active members of the Episcopal church.

In 1879 Dr. Baguley was united in marriage to Ada A. Tyler, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio, to whom one daughter, Eugenia T. Baguley, was born. Mrs. Ada A. Baguley died in 1904, and her daughter, Eugenia T., continues to live at the family residence at 2216 Eoff street. Dr. Baguley

was again married, on October 31, 1906, to Florence E. Hannan, daughter of George G. and Lydia A. (Wheeler) Hannan.

JOHN McADAMS, for sixty years a resident of Wheeling, has spent a life of active service not only in his regular vocation, but also for his country, having been a soldier in the great rebellion and made a record of lasting credit to his descendants.

He is a native of Ireland, born in Antrim county April 26, 1836, a son of John and Agnes (Ellis) McAdams. His father, who came to Wheeling in 1851 and died here in 1860, was by trade a linen weaver, and worked in the great center of that industry, Belfast. His last years in Wheeling were spent in retirement, and his remains rest in the city to which he gave several worthy citizens in his sons.

Having spent the first fifteen years of his life in Ireland, Mr. McAdams was given a good education, and began an active career soon after locating in Wheeling. He learned the painting trade and followed it for a number of years, and for the past twelve years has been a successful contractor. Much of his work has been in connection with his brother, who was one of the principal contractors of Wheeling.

At the beginning of the Civil war he became a member of the first Union regiment raised south of Mason and Dixon's line. He enlisted as a private in Company A of the First Virginia Volunteers, and followed the flag until his honorable discharge. He is now a charter member of Holliday Post, No. 12, G. A. R., department of West Virginia.

Mr. McAdams' first wife, whom he married February 1, 1866, was Bertha Lochury, who passed away in 1867. On September 1, 1870, he married Miss Lizzie Kyle. They have two children. John E. married Miss Sadie Tuttle, and has two children, Russell and Charles. Lucy is the wife of John Bremer. The family are members of the United Presbyterian church.

GEORGE A. FLACCUS was for many years a business man and manufacturer of Wheeling, and contributed materially to the activities of this city. A man of high principles, loyal to family and community, his death on March 28, 1908, removed from the life of Wheeling a figure whose personal worth was greater than his material success and whose character was a valued resource to his city.

He was born in Marietta, Ohio, June 2, 1858, a son of George C. and Emelia (Blanchett) Flaccus. Both parents were natives of Germany and were married in Pittsburg, where the father was an early settler. After a few years' residence in Marietta he came to Wheeling and entered the retail grocery business.

The late George A. Flaccus was reared in Wheeling, attending the public schools and St. Joseph's school, and was a graduate of the Frazier school. Soon after leaving school he established a grocery business. However, the industry with which he was specially identified was the preserving business, and his factory at Seventeenth and Chapline streets became one of Wheeling's well-known industries. His operations at the beginning were on a very modest scale, but he developed it until his products had a standard reputation for excellence in a trade over many states.

Mr. Flaccus resided in a beautiful suburban home known as The Pines, located on the National pike about four miles east of the city. The grounds comprised six acres, and the beautiful residence was built about fifteen years ago. Mrs. Flaccus still resides at The Pines, which is one of the attractive places about Wheeling. Before her marriage,



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which occurred December 21, 1883, Mrs. Flaccus was Miss Ella B. Friend, a daughter of R. T. and Eliza Friend. Her one daughter, Adelaide, is the wife of Mr. Arthur Stifel, and they have one child, William Flaccus Stifel. Mrs. Flaccus is a member of the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church of Wheeling.

HERVEY BLACK WORK, superintendent of the public schools of Wheeling, is one of the leading educators of West Virginia. His work in Wheeling for the improvement of the school system is a matter of general knowledge, and the record of his superintendency will have a distinctive place in the history of local education.

Professor Work was born at Miller's Station, Harrison county, Ohio, January 25, 1867. His parents were Alexander T. and Lydia (Denny) Work. His early education was continued in the Wooster University of Ohio, and on leaving college he began a successful career as teacher. He was appointed superintendent of the Wheeling schools in 1904, having been chosen principal of the Wheeling High School on its establishment in 1897.

He is a member of the State Board of Education. Other organizations of which he is an active member are the National Education Association, West Virginia State Education Association, Young Men's Christian Association, the Associated Charities, the Playgrounds Association. He is a trustee and elder of the Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Twilight Club.

Professor Work married, August 29, 1893, Miss Equa Mae Vashbinder, daughter of William S. and Maria (Arbaugh) Vashbinder. They have two children: William Hervey and Frederick Vashbinder Work.

JACOB A. JEFFERSON was for many years identified with the banking business of Wheeling, and at the time of his death, in August, 1903, was cashier of the Bank of Wheeling. His integrity and business ability were highly appreciated in this city among the financial interests, and his death at the comparatively early age of fifty-six was a loss which business men throughout the city deplored.

A native son of Wheeling, he was born here in May, 1847, and was reared and educated in this city. He made his own way through the early stages of advancement, and proved his value in each successive promotion to larger responsibilities. For a number of years he was in the employ of Dr. Logan. He then entered the Ohio Valley Bank and was with that institution twenty-two years, leaving to become cashier of the Bank of Wheeling. He was a member of the Board of Education of Wheeling, and he was also much interested in the Y. M. C. A. work. He was connected with that institution for several years and was one of a committee who organized the Y. M. C. A. reading room. He was a member of the Masonic order and of the Methodist church.

Mr. Jefferson married, February 20, 1879, Miss Jane B. Morrey, a daughter of John and Mary (Fitton) Morrey, of Wheeling. Her father was for many years a successful carpenter and contractor of this city. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson, the older sons being now active business men: John, Harry F., George J., Joseph S., Lewis W., Edith M. and Jane M. The family home is at Elm Grove.

CHARLES C. PETTICORD.—Particularly well entitled to consideration in this historical compilation is Charles C. Petticord, an honored and veteran citizen of Wheeling. Mr. Petticord, who is a retired farmer,

after a life of long and successful agricultural activity, removed to this city some years since to enjoy in well earned leisure the advantages of a more settled section. A native and lifelong resident of West Virginia, he is particularly loyal to the state and has ever supported in a most public-spirited manner all of its most helpful institutions.

Mr. Petticord was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, on August 3, 1833, the son of John and Harriet (Gossage) Petticord. The father, who was a native Kentuckian, was also a pioneer in this state, and his work was concerned with the river traffic between Pittsburg and New Orleans, he being familiar with nearly every foot of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. He subsequently removed to this county and here reared his family. The immediate subject of this biographical record received his training in the rudiments of education behind the rough desk in the log schoolhouse and, like the majority of the boys of his day and generation, at an early age became familiar with the strenuous duties of seed time and harvest. When it came to choosing a life work he adopted the great basic industry and bought land in Ohio county, where for a number of years he engaged in general agriculture. He ultimately sold his country property and built a home at Echo Point, and he has built several houses in this delightful suburb. He also has a good deal of money invested in Woodlawn property, where he now resides. He has a handsome and commodious home and enjoys a substantial income from his various investments. While his personal affairs have ever taken a great deal of his time and attention, he has managed to give an intelligent consideration to public matters and can be counted upon to give hand and heart to all that pertains to the public welfare.

Mr. Petticord was married in ante-bellum days, Miss Martha McZingo, daughter of Robert McZingo, of eastern Virginia, becoming his wife and the mistress of his household on August 16, 1860. Mrs. Petticord's family comes from eastern Virginia. To the subject and his wife have been born nine children, as follows: William H., Samuel S., George, Edward, Charles (deceased), Mary J., Rosella, Martha A., and Leona (deceased). William H. married Kate Gaily, and they have one child, Agnes. George married Estella Connell, and their four children are Martha Ellen, George, Stella, and Sidney. Edward married Elizabeth Dean. Mary J. married Fritze Och, and their two children are Elwood and Ralph. Rosella married Charles Bauer. Martha A. married first George Higgs, by whom she had two children, Theodore and Alma, and she married for her second husband W. D. Taylor.

The subject gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party and is a generous member of the Presbyterian church.

THOMAS L. STRONG.—One of the important enterprises which, though young in years, contribute materially to the industrial prestige of Bellaire is the Strong Manufacturing Company, engaged in the manufacture of enameled ware. In fact, the good fortunes which have attended the company since its organization are largely credited to the experience, executive ability, tireless energy, engineering skill and genius in the broad combination and concentration of applicable forces possessed by the president and general manager, Thomas L. Strong. Mr. Strong has high industrial traditions to maintain, his grandfather having been one of the first manufacturers at Martin's Ferry. It is not, however, from this aspect alone that Mr. Strong is valuable to the community, for he is a man of high civic ideals and has concerned himself with the affairs of the community in an admirably public spirited way.

Thomas L. Strong was born in Frankfort, Marshall county, Kansas, April 27, 1866, a son of James H. and Sarah J. (Bradford) Strong, both of whom were reared in South Wheeling. The father was born in Harrison county and came to Martin's Ferry when a young man. He was a son of William and Mary Strong, the former of whom was a cooper on a large scale, doing business under the firm name of Strong and Sharp. He came from Pennsylvania and was one of the first of the manufacturers in this section. He made wooden kegs and had control of a business which came to be of much importance.

The early education of Thomas L. Strong, immediate subject of this biographical record, was obtained in Frankfort, Kansas, but as the family came back to Bellaire in 1874, the greater part of his training was secured in Bellaire, Ohio. He began to make himself useful when a school boy and worked in a glass factory when not behind his desk in the schoolroom. This, no doubt, had an important influence upon his career and at the beginning afforded him an insight into manufacturing life. His ability was soon recognized and, proving faithful and efficient in small things, he was given more and more to do. He became one of the foremen of the Bellaire Goblet Company and was extremely proficient in handling men. In fact, he has had successful charge of men since his nineteenth year.

Severing his association with the concern above mentioned, Mr. Strong engaged with the Novelty Stamping Company and was with them for five years and was a member of the board of directors, his career again being one of continual progress. He worked up to the superintendency of the enamel department and became so familiar with this line of work that he was in a position to accept the managership of the Enterprise Enamel Works when that office was offered to him. For five years he held the offices of vice-president and general manager. In May, 1903, the Strong Enamel Company was organized, manufacturers of enameled cooking utensils.

The concern at once began operation and the first output was shipped to consumers the following February. The ensuing eight years have witnessed a most phenomenal growth, and what was a business of small proportions at the outset is now one of the largest in the country. It may even now be said to be only in its infancy, and great plans have been made for the future. It contributes materially to the prosperity of Bellaire, giving it commercial and industrial standing, giving employment to many men and affording a market for the raw material.

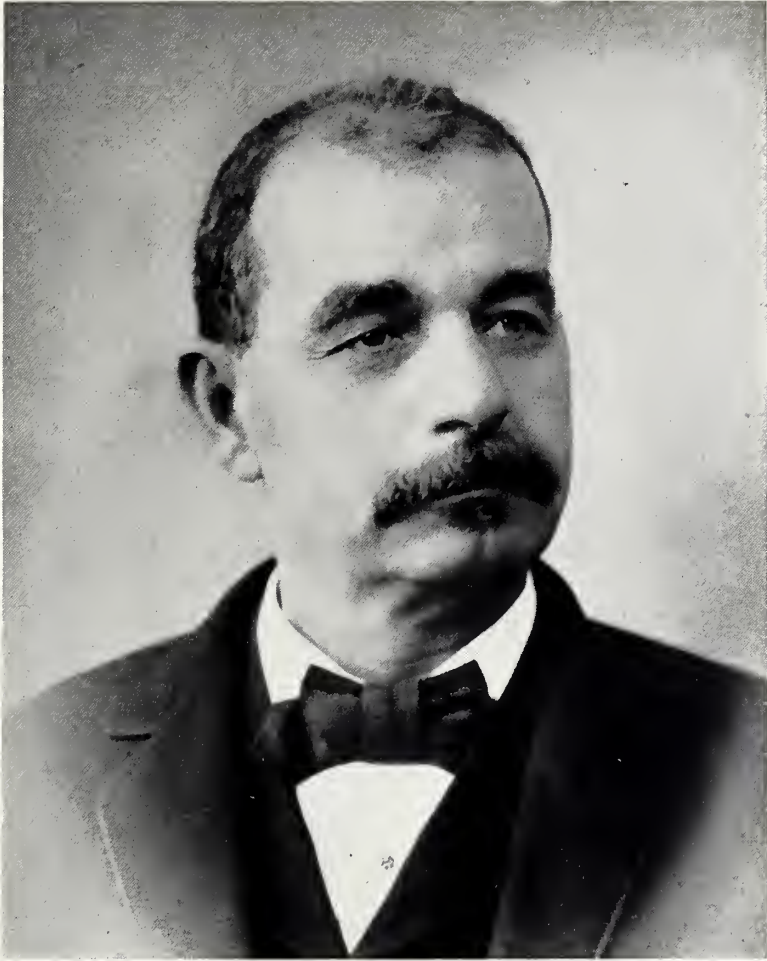
Mr. Strong has been twice married. His first union was celebrated November 10, 1886, Miss Emma Baugh, daughter of James and Cassandra (Lucas) Baugh, becoming his wife. She was a native of this county, and two children were left motherless by her untimely demise. They are Vera, wife of Frank Jones, sales manager of the Strong Manufacturing Company, and who have one child, Marion Phillis; and Earl, who was but five months old at his death. On July 10, 1894, Mr. Strong took as his wife and the mistress of his household Miss Agnes Clark, of Wheeling, West Virginia, daughter of Thomas J. and Maria (White) Clark.

Mr. Strong is an enthusiastic member of the time-honored Masonic order, belonging to Bellaire Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M.; Bellaire Chapter, R. A. M., and Hope Commandery, K. T., of Bellaire. He also holds membership in the Christian Church, and he and his wife enjoy general confidence and esteem in the community in which they are known so well.

NICODEMUS RIESTER.—The late Nicodemus Riester was a resident of Wheeling from his childhood days until he was summoned to the life eternal, on Wednesday evening, April 26, 1911, about six months prior to the time when he would have celebrated his eightieth birthday anniversary. He played a large part in connection with the industrial and commercial activities of the city that was so long his home and in which he was a scion of one of the earliest and best known pioneer families of German order, and his life was ever guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity and honor, so that he was not denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem. He was a man of marked business acumen and had to do with a number of the most important industrial concerns in Wheeling, the while he stood forth as a sturdy, loyal and progressive citizen of mature judgment and much public spirit. His life counted for good in all its relations and it is most consonant that in this history be entered and perpetuated a tribute to his memory and a brief record of his life and labors.

Nicodemus Riester was born in the historic old fortified city of Werttenberg, Prussian Saxony, on the 15th of September, 1831, and was a son of John George Riester and Cordelia (Detling) Riester, both natives of Werttenberg and representatives of old and honored families of that section of the great empire of Germany. In 1832, when the subject of this memoir was a child of but seven months, the family, immigrated to America and forthwith established a home in Wheeling, West Virginia. This was one of the first German families to settle in the future metropolis of the state and the name has been worthily identified with its history for nearly four score years. John G. Riester had followed the weaver's trade in his native land but in Wheeling he found no demand for his services in this line, so that he turned his attention to other pursuits. In 1847 he showed his insistent loyalty to the land of his adoption by volunteering as a soldier for service in the war with Mexico. He joined a squad of recruits and proceeded to Newport Barracks, from which point he accompanied his comrades to Mexico. He was in the command of General Winfield Scott on the memorable march to the City of Mexico, and after victory had crowned the arms of the United States he returned to Wheeling, where he died six months later, from disease contracted while in the military service. His widow long survived him and was summoned to eternal rest in 1885, in her eighty-third year. Both were devout communicants of the Catholic church in whose faith they carefully reared their children, several of whom were born after the immigration to America.

Nicodemus Riester was reared to manhood in Wheeling, where his early educational advantages, limited in scope, were those afforded in a Catholic parochial school. When about eight years of age he went to work in the old Ensel glass works, one of the pioneer glass manufactories of Wheeling, and later he was employed in the Sweeney glass works. After severing his connection with the latter concern he initiated his service as a feeder in the iron works, being first employed in the old Top mill and later in the Virginia mill, which stood on South street, on the site of the old Baltimore & Ohio Railway station. In 1852 he secured employment in the Belmont mill and about 1863 he was made manager of the same, a position of which he continued the efficient and valued incumbent until his death, nearly a half century later. It has been well said that in this office he "displayed administrative ability and business talent of a high order." He became a stockholder in the old Belmont mill, prior to the suspension of its operation, in 1879, and the closing down of the mill involved to him a personal loss of about forty



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thousand dollars. No man has been more prominently or worthily known in connection with the iron industry in this section and he continued actively in the harness at the Belmont mill of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company until ten days prior to his death, the immediate cause of which was septicaemia, though he had been in impaired health for fully two years prior to his demise, which occurred at the North Wheeling hospital, to which he had been taken from the pleasant home in which he had resided for many years, at 2329 Market street.

Mr. Riester identified himself with a number of the important industrial enterprises through which has been conserved the material and civic upbuilding of Wheeling. He was a stockholder in the United States Steel Corporation at the time of his death, was one of the incorporators and a director of the Spears Axle Works, and was a stockholder in the Dollar Savings & Trust Company and the Wheeling Traction Company. He was one of the organizers of the old Wheeling Railway Company, the predecessor of the traction company just mentioned. There is all of propriety in reproducing in this connection the following statements which appeared in the *Wheeling Register* at the time of the death of Mr. Riester:

"The deceased was a well known member of St. Joseph's Cathedral, having been a consistent communicant and worshipper in that church from the time of its organization until his death. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and at one time he served as a member of the city council, when that body met in the old city hall on Market street. Prior to the establishment of the regular city fire department he was a member of the volunteer organization which furnished protection to the homes and business houses of the city. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in a company recruited in this city, and he served during a part of the war as a lieutenant in a Union regiment. In every respect Mr. Riester was a model citizen, and his death will be sincerely mourned by all who knew him, while his place in the business life of the city will be hard to fill. While but a child when his parents came to this country and city, he was a true type of the sturdy German-American citizen, and he aided materially in the development of the Greater Wheeling district."

On the 13th of August, 1854, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Riester to Miss Mary Ellen Carney, of Parkersburg, this state, and their mutually loving and devoted companionship, which extended over a period of nearly sixty years, was severed only by the death of Mrs. Riester, on Monday, April 13, 1911, so that in death they were not long divided, as only two weeks intervened before Mr. Riester himself passed to the life eternal. Mr. and Mrs. Riester became the parents of twelve children, of whom only four are living—Nicodemus C. and Frank C., each of whom is individually mentioned on other pages of this work; Gertrude, who is the wife of Samuel M. Noyes, of Wheeling; and Susan, who is the wife of John J. Carroll, D. D. S., of Wheeling.

NICODEMUS C. RIESTER.—A worthy representative of a family whose name has been closely linked with the business and civic history of Wheeling for more than three-fourths of a century, Nicodemus C. Riester is the elder of the two surviving sons of the late Nicodemus Riester, to whom a memoir is dedicated on other pages of this volume, so that further data concerning the family record is not demanded in the present connection. He whose name initiates this sketch has been a resident of Wheeling from the time of his nativity and in his character and standing he is well upholding the prestige of the honored name which he bears. He is now superintendent of the Belmont department of the

Wheeling Steel & Iron Company and is an efficient and valued executive in this field of public service.

Nicodemus C. Riester was born in Wheeling, on the 27th of June, 1857, and after availing himself of the advantages of the parochial schools of the city, he entered St. Vincent College, in which he prosecuted higher academic studies for a period of several years. His honored father was long and prominently concerned with the iron and steel industry in this district and was for nearly half a century manager of the Belmont mill of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, so that the son naturally secured employment in the service of the same corporation. He eventually won promotion to the office of superintendent of the Belmont mill, and he retained this incumbency until 1885, when he assumed an association with the service of the local postoffice, holding this position about one year, when he returned to the employ of the Belmont mill as manager. He is liberal and progressive as a citizen and is thoroughly loyal to his native city, even as is he appreciative of its manifold advantages and attractions. Though a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, he has had no desire for political office of any order. He was reared in the faith of the Catholic church, was confirmed in St. Joseph's Cathedral, of whose parish he has ever since continued an earnest and zealous communicant. He is identified with various subsidiary organizations of this parish, is affiliated with the local organizations of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Knights of St. George, and also holds membership in the Carroll Club, one of the representative social organizations of his home city, where he has secure place in popular confidence and regard.

On the 29th of October, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Riester to Miss Minnie S. Richards, who was born and reared in Wheeling, where her father, Henry S. Richards, was a representative merchant tailor. Mr. Richards was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary V. Campbell, was born in Ireland. They are now both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Riester had six children, namely: Mary G., John Raphael, Campbell, Gertrude Regina, Marie Gertrude, and Nicodemus C., Jr., but all are deceased except Marie Gertrude.

Mr. Riester is interested in the following industries as a stockholder: The United States Steel Corporation, Western Spring & Axle Company, Dollar Savings & Trust Company, Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, and several other corporations.

FRANK C. RIESTER.—Like his honored father, the late Nicodemus Riester, to whom a memorial tribute is entered elsewhere in this publication, Frank C. Riester has been prominently identified with the steel and iron industry in the Wheeling district, and he is now the able and popular superintendent of the Top mill of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, in which he is also a stockholder, as is he likewise of the Spears Axle Company and the United States Steel Corporation. He is known as one of the vigorous and progressive business men of his native city, where he is held in unequivocal esteem, and he ever stands ready to give his influence and tangible co-operation in the furtherance of enterprises and measures tending to conserve the best interests of the community and to compass the further progress of the Greater Wheeling as an industrial and commercial center.

Frank Christian Riester was born in Wheeling on the 25th of June, 1866, and concerning the family history adequate data appear in the memoir of his father on other pages of this work. He is indebted to the

parochial school of St. Joseph's Cathedral for his early educational discipline, and in 1880 he initiated his active career as one of the world's staunch army of productive workers, having been about fifteen years of age at the time. He secured employment in the Belmont mill, of which his father was manager for many years and which is now operated by the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company. Through faithful and efficient service he won gradual promotion, and he became weighmaster of the mill after the reorganization of the operating company. Later he was made assistant superintendent of the Belmont furnace and in 1899 he succeeded the late James McCahon as superintendent of the Top furnace of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, of which position he has since continued the valued incumbent. He has proved an excellent administrative officer and has the confidence and esteem of the many operatives who are employed under his supervision.

In politics Mr. Riester is found aligned as a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Democratic party, but the quest of public office has never appealed to his ambition. He and his wife are zealous communicants of the Catholic church, in which their membership is in the fine parish of St. Joseph's Cathedral, the see church of the diocese. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, is a loyal supporter and member of the Associated Charities of Wheeling, and holds membership in the Carroll Club.

On the 3d of June, 1891, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Riester to Miss Mary B. Dorsey, who was born and reared in Wheeling, and who is a daughter of the late James and Catherine Dorsey, who removed from this city to Martins Ferry, Ohio, where the father conducted a prosperous retail grocery business until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Riester have two children—Frank Nicodemus and Katherine Mary.

JAMES L. FRY.—An able exponent of the progressive spirit which has caused Bellaire to forge so rapidly forward in the past few years is James L. Fry, secretary and treasurer of the Strong Manufacturing Company, who has here attained a position of prominence and influence as a business man and as a loyal and progressive citizen. He has done much to further the material and civic development and upbuilding of the attractive city in which he has elected to establish his home and in which he has achieved success of distinctive and worthy order.

Mr. Fry is a native of the Keystone state, his birth having occurred in Claysville, Washington county, August 28, 1871, the son of Isaac and Louisa (Allum) Fry. The father was a native of Ohio and was a miner and machinist. He was the son of Daniel Fry. For his general education the subject is indebted to the public schools of Bellaire, for the family moved here from Pennsylvania when he was about three years of age, and thus this city is dear to him with all the happiest associations of boyhood and youth. He entered upon his adventures as a wage-earner when quite young and for a number of years clerked in various stores in this city. He subsequently became associated with the glass manufacturing business and in course of time became a skillful gatherer, a trade in the manufacture of glass. In the year 1892 he removed to Dunkirk, Indiana, where he was employed in a glass plant, but after a comparatively short period he came back to Bellaire and for two years was employed in the wholesale grocery business. He disposed of the same and entered into the retail grocery business with a brother, William H. Fry. This was an important step, for he continued in this line for fourteen years. He again disposed of his store, which was situated on the corner of Eighteenth and Belmont streets and was generally recog-

nized as one of the high class establishments of the city. For two years he was out of business, but in 1910 he accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of the newly organized Strong Manufacturing Company, and his own personal success has been coincident with that of the firm. He possesses no inconsiderable executive ability and is assuredly the man for the position.

Mr. Fry laid the foundation of a happy household and congenial life companionship when on the 21st day of April, 1895, he was united in marriage at Bellaire, Ohio, to Miss Emma E. Schramm, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Schramm. They share their attractive home with a son and daughter, by name Ray S. and Mildred.

Mr. Fry is a popular and enthusiastic lodge man. He is a Mason, belonging to Bellaire Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., and exemplifies in his own life those ideals of moral and social justice and brotherly love for which the order stands. He finds much pleasure in his relations with the Knights of Pythias, of which he is a past officer in the lodge; in the Order of United American Mechanics, and in the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

HENRY G. MEEK, M. D.—Holding high position among his professional brethren in Bellaire is H. G. Meek, M. D. Acute in his perceptions, widely read in his profession, and skilled in applying his acquirements to practical use, his value as a physician and surgeon is of the highest character. Dr. Meek was born June 5, 1868, in Belmont county, Ohio, the son of Henry and Catherine (Lucas) Meek. The father came to the Buckeye state from Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was a farmer there before his removal to this state. The name of the paternal grandfather was George Meek, and he likewise was born in Pennsylvania. The subject's father may indeed be reckoned as one of the pioneer settlers in Belmont county.

Dr. Meek was reared upon the old farm of his father and gained his elementary education in the public schools. With the idea of entering the field of pedagogical endeavor, he attended a normal school, and after being thus prepared taught school near Neff Station for three years. In the meantime an ambition to become a physician and surgeon had reached fruition, and he straightway abandoned school teaching to study that interesting science. He became a student in the University of Baltimore and from that celebrated institution was duly graduated with the degree of M. D.

Dr. Meek's first practice was at Sistersville, West Virginia, and there he remained for twelve years, within a short time gaining the confidence of the community both as a citizen and a physician, for he was elected mayor of that place on the Republican ticket and gave an excellent, enlightened management of municipal affairs. In 1905 he took the important step of removing to different scenes, in that year coming to Bellaire, where he has enjoyed his share of the general practice and where he is held in high regard.

Dr. Meek was happily married on September 14, 1902, his chosen lady being Ella Brannen, daughter of Joseph and Harriet (Shehan) Brannen, old settlers in this county. Three children have been born to them—Pauline, Merrill (deceased), and William H.

The subject is connected with those organizations looking to the advancement and unification of the medical profession, such as the Belmont County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society. He is one of the most loyal and enthusiastic of Masons, and is both a Knight

Templar and a Shriner. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum. He is a leading Republican and stands high in party councils.

CHARLES MAYGER RODEFER is prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of Bellaire and is indeed one of the city's leaders in this field, being the sole owner of the Rodefer Glass Company. He is justly numbered among the foremost of those who are promoting its civic interests and is generally esteemed not alone as one who adds to the commercial and industrial prestige, but as a fair and honorable employer of men. The product of the Rodefer Glass Company is varied and includes lantern globes, blown and pressed specialties in private moulds, prismatic sidewalk, floor, sash, skylights and opal ware for decorators. The concern is one of the most interesting of those in this important manufacturing town. It has a floor space of three and one-half acres and employs a day and night force of from two hundred and fifty to two hundred and seventy-five people. The location is on Union street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-third street. It has been in existence a great many years and was purchased on July 20, 1877, from the National Glass Manufacturing Company, a local stock company, by the Rodefer brothers—Albert D., John F. and Thornton A. The business was continued by this firm up to October 1, 1891, when John F. Rodefer sold his interest to Albert D. and Thornton A., and the two continued in partnership, still under the caption of the Rodefer Brothers. The retiring member, John F., went into the window glass business at Elwood, Indiana, but subsequently disposed of that and is living on a farm, at the present time, near Denver, Colorado. On February 8, 1892, the concern experienced a fire, the building being a total loss, and the following year a new plant was erected. The next important event in the history of the Rodefer Glass Company was the retirement of Albert D. Rodefer, who sold his interest to his brother, T. A. Rodefer, on May 4, 1898, retiring entirely from business. His demise occurred August 26, 1898. This left T. A. Rodefer, the subject's father, sole owner, and the business was conducted under his name from May 4, 1898, to April 21, 1910, when he died. His son, the immediate subject of this biographical record, succeeded to the ownership and management, and his success as captain of this great industry has been of the most definite character. Its fortunes were well founded, it is true, but the continual progress and present standing is largely to be credited to the experience, executive ability and tireless energy possessed by C. M. Rodefer. It is not to be gainsaid that he has few peers in his knowledge of the glass business, and as one intimately concerned in a line of industry which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of the community it is eminently fitting that he be accorded recognition in this volume, devoted to representative men of the section.

C. M. Rodefer is a native son of the city in which his interests are centered and which is endeared to him by associations of boyhood and youth. He is a son of Thornton Allen and Mary E. (Pumphrey) Rodefer, and his birth date was July 28, 1881. Bellaire is likewise the scene of the father's birth, while the mother was born in Wheeling, West Virginia. Charles M. Rodefer received his preliminary education in the public schools of Bellaire and subsequently spent four years at Hiram College. Even during his school period he grew up in the business and became familiar with it in its details, and when circumstances made it incumbent upon him to do so he was excellently equipped to follow after his father.

Mr. Rodefer was married February 14, 1906, to Miss Myrtle Hayden, daughter of W. H. and Elizabeth (Lauck) Hayden, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Rodefer have been blessed by the birth of two children—Mary Elizabeth and Howard H.

Mr. Rodefer is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Bellaire Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M.; to Bellaire Chapter, R. A. M.; to Bellaire Council, R. & S. M., and to Hope Commandery, Knights Templar. His church affiliation is with the Christian church. He is numbered among the younger generation of citizens, and his success as a business man, as a public spirited and valuable member of society and as a worthy representative of one of the old and prominent families of the city entitles him to all credit.

CAPTAIN B. B. DOVENER.—Among the able and representative members of the legal profession in Wheeling is Captain Blackburn Barrett Dovener, who has been engaged in practice here since the '70s and whose vigorous intellect, wide information and splendid legal experience and training have given him unusual prestige. He is, in fact, generally recognized as one of the ablest criminal lawyers in West Virginia. He represented the first district in Congress from 1894 to 1906 and is one of the influential Republicans. It is as a valiant soldier and officer of the Civil war that Captain Dovener is also distinguished and his military record is one in which he may well take pride, its recountal having brought the glow of interest and enthusiasm to the cheek of many a youthful admirer. He has given service in a number of public capacities and, all in all, the city counts him among her finest and best beloved citizens.

Captain Dovener was born April 20, 1842, at Hurricane Bridge, in what is now Putnam county, then Cabell county, Virginia, the son of R. G. Dovener. The father, a well known physician, was a native of Cherry Valley, New York, and married a daughter of Andrew Barrett of Cabell county. When Mr. Dovener was a young boy his father moved to Elizabeth, Wirt county, and later, when the son was about twelve years old, his parents removed to Parkersburg, where he lived some years, attending country schools and later the Parkersburg Academy. As was the case with the youth of his day and generation, his youth was shadowed to a certain extent by the long lowering Civil war cloud. The nation was going down into the Valley of Division. The question which had been debated on thousands of platforms, which had been discussed in countless publications, which, thundered from innumerable pulpits, had caused in their congregations the bitter strife and dissension to which only cases of conscience can give rise, was everywhere pressing for solution. When the first guns were fired at Sumter, young Dovener entered with all loyalty and vigor into the cause of the union, while at the same time he had several uncles and cousins on the Confederate side. As a loyal citizen he raised a company, which at first was known as Company A of the Fifteenth Virginia Infantry, later, upon the organization of the state government, the Fifteenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. On account of his youth (he was but nineteen), he declined the leadership of the company, and served until after the battle of Cedar Creek as first lieutenant, being then promoted to captain, and leading his company to the end of the war.

The subject's distinguished services to the nation during the great conflict are herewith briefly epitomized. He was mustered into service August 30, 1862, becoming first lieutenant of Company A. He received a captain's commission December 14, 1864. For a short time after his enlistment, until October, 1862, he served in the railroad division, De-



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partment of the Ohio. In November he went into camp at New Creek, Virginia, now West Virginia, and engaged in the defense of the Upper Potomac until February, 1863. He was with the First Division, Eighth Army Corps, to October, 1863; and with the First Brigade, Second Division, Department of West Virginia, to March, 1864. Following that he was with the Third Brigade, Second Division, to July, 1864; and with the Third Brigade, First Infantry Division, to December, 1864; with the First Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-fourth Army Corps, Army of the James, to June, 1865. Previous to this he had served on duty on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from October, 1862, to April, 1864. He was in an action at Bath, West Virginia, on March 19, 1864; joined Crook's expedition to destroy the Virginia and Tennessee railroads April 29 to May 19. At the battle of Cloyd Mountain, on May 9, 1864, he was wounded. The following engagements succeeded each other rapidly: New River Bridge, May 10; Meadow Bluff, May 19; Middle Brook, near Staunton, June 10. The subject acted as aid to Colonel Campbell, who was in command of the Third Brigade, Second Division, Department of West Virginia, from June 11 to June 31. He assisted in the capture of Lexington on June 12, at which time the Virginia Military Institute and the Quaker church were destroyed. He was at Diamond Hill June 17, and before Lynchburg, June 17-18. Then followed Snicker's Ferry, July 18; Winchester, July 24-25; Halltown, August 24; Berryville, September 3-4; Opequan (Winchester), September 19, when he again felt the enemy's bullet, his wound, happily, being of a slight character. On September 22, there was an engagement at Fisher's Hill. Shortly after that the army went in force to Strasburg and an action took place near Cedar Creek, October 19. Captain Dovener became aide-de-camp to General T. M. Harris, commanding the First Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-fourth Army Corps, his appointment being on March 25, 1865. He was present at the engagement at Hatcher's Run, and was at the fall of Petersburg, April 2; at Sailor's Creek, April 6; at Appomattox Court House, April 8; and he witnessed the surrender of Lee, April 9. He was made aide-de-camp to General J. W. Turner, commanding the Third Division, Twenty-fourth Corps, before the surrender of Lee, and was mustered out of service June 14, 1865. Thus ended a varied and exceedingly eventful career as a wearer of the blue, and it is entirely unnecessary to state that Captain Dovener has not lost his splendid patriotism with the passing of the years, nor his interest in the comrades of other days.

His residence in Wheeling began after his return from the war and he has ever since been identified with the city. Upon his return to the life of a civilian he engaged for a time in steam-boating and the lumber business, continuing in these pursuits until 1868. From 1868 to 1870 he served as chief clerk of the secretary of state of West Virginia, and was engaged in the United States pension office at Wheeling from 1871-1872. In the meantime he had come to the conclusion to enter the practice of the law, for which his natural abilities eminently fitted him. His studies, preparatory to the profession, were completed with Hon. G. O. Davenport of Wheeling, and he was admitted to the bar in 1875. He became a partner of Mr. Davenport and this association continued until the death of the latter in 1880, when he succeeded to that gentleman's business. His practice is largely devoted to criminal law and is probably the largest of its class in the state.

In 1883 Captain Dovener was elected a member of the state legislature to represent Ohio county. He was elected to Congress in 1894 and was returned thereto for six successive terms. During the time he was

in Congress he was a member of the Rivers and Harbors committee and during his twelve years as a congressman he was instrumental in securing the appropriation of about twenty-two million dollars for the improvement of the Ohio river and rivers in which West Virginia is directly interested.

On December 28, 1865, Captain Dovener laid the foundation of a happy household and congenial life companionship by his union with Margaret J., daughter of William Linch of Wheeling, their marriage being celebrated in this city. Two children blessed this union, namely: William, who is living, and Robert, deceased.

The subject is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliates with the Elks and other fraternal orders.

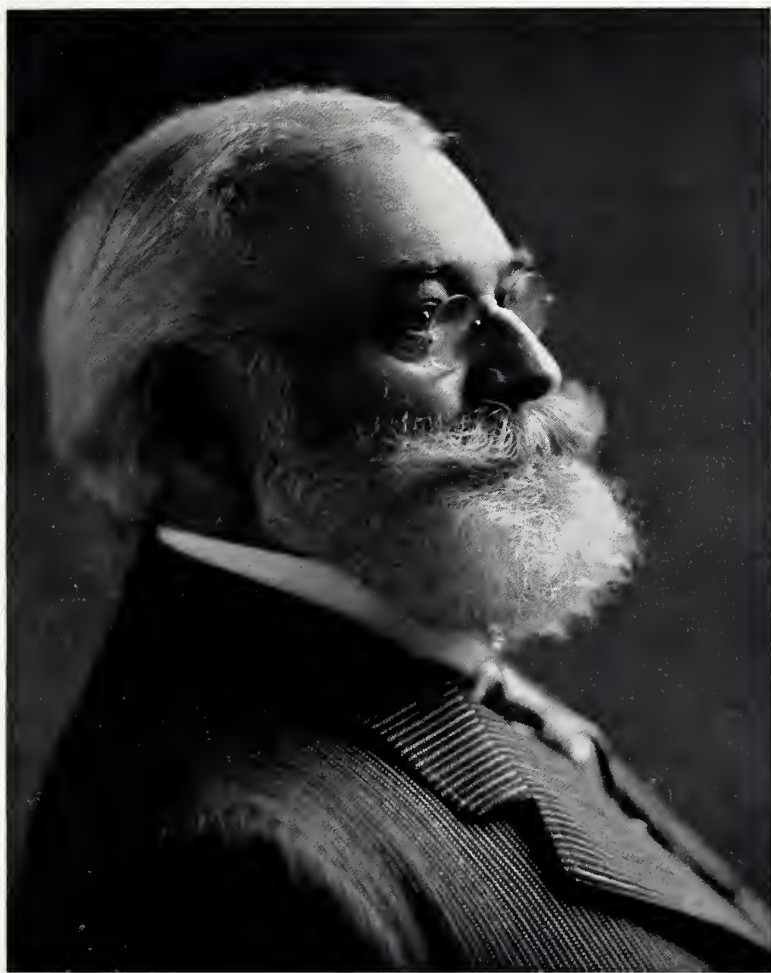
WILLIAM H. FRY.—Practical industry, wisely and vigorously applied, never fails of success. It carries a man onward and upward, brings out his individual character and acts as a powerful stimulus to the efforts of others. The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means, implying the exercise of the ordinary qualities of common sense and perseverance. The every-day life, with its cares, necessities and duties, affords ample opportunities for acquiring experiences of the best kind, and its most beaten paths provide a true worker with abundant scope for effort and self-improvement. In the legitimate channels of trade William Henderson Fry has won the success which always crowns well directed labor, sound judgment and untiring perseverance, and at the same time he has concerned himself with the affairs of Bellaire in a loyal, public spirited way, so that the community accounts him one of its leading and representative citizens. He is sole proprietor of the large grocery at the corner of Eighteenth and Belmont avenues, this being one of the largest stores in all Belmont county. He carries a general line of groceries, feed, notions and miners' supplies. The store came into being in 1894, Mr. Fry being for a time engaged with his brother, James L. Fry, secretary and treasurer of the Strong Manufacturing Company. He subsequently purchased that gentleman's interest.

Mr. Fry was born January 3, 1865, in Clayville, Greene county, Pennsylvania, the son of Isaac and Louisa (Allum) Fry, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. The family moved to this state about the year 1872, William being very young at that time. His education was secured here, and here has been passed the greater part of his life. He is one of a family of three children who lived to maturity, the other members of the circle being James L. and Mary V., the latter the wife of Harry C. Bell.

Mr. Fry contracted an ideally happy marriage when, on August 8, 1888, he was united to Emma L. Long, daughter of George W. and Mary A. (Wilson) Long, natives of Noble county, Ohio. They are the parents of six children, as follows: Thelma M., wife of E. E. Ross; Grace, Katie and Clyde, all of whom are able assistants to their father in his extensive business; and Orma and Earl, at school. These young people are popular and highly esteemed members of society.

The subject's fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Order of United American Mechanics. The family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church and are zealous participants in its campaign for good.

ALBERT HENRY BEACH is one of the best known citizens of Wheeling. He has been successful as a business man, has been identified with the worthiest civic and social organizations, and throughout a long career



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beginning with early boyhood he has attained those things which constitute success in the best sense of the word.

Mr. Beach was born at Northfield, Litchfield county, Connecticut, March 19, 1833. His parents were Isaac Curtis and Eunice Maria (Beecher) Beach, and their families represented some of the oldest and best stock in New England. Mr. Beach is a lineal descendant of forefathers who fought in the war for independence, and is one of the most active members of the Sons of the Revolution in West Virginia, having served as president of the society and is now chairman of the board of managers.

His early life was spent on a farm in Connecticut, where he attended common school. At the age of thirteen his school days ended and he began clerking in a store and continued that line of work for seven years. At the age of twenty he learned the trade of lock making, and for sixteen years was employed by the Eagle Lock Company at Terryville, Connecticut. Another line of work then opened to him when he became solicitor for the Aetna Life Insurance Company at Hartford. He was with that company ten years. For the past twenty-five years he has been quite actively engaged in the tobacco business. For a long time he was salesman for the Block Brothers Tobacco Company, and for fifteen years has managed the correspondence of their premium department.

Always a Republican in politics, Mr. Beach has held but one important public office, that of United States surveyor of customs for the port of Wheeling, for four years. His civic interest is largely directed through the Wheeling Board of Trade, the Associated Charities, the Wheeling Playgrounds Association, and the Young Men's Christian Association, of which organizations he is a member. He affiliates with Bates Lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M., at Wheeling, and is a member of the Masonic Club, the Fort Henry Club and the Wheeling Country Club. His church preference is the Congregational denomination.

He was married to Miss Cornelia Elizabeth Mix of Plymouth, Connecticut. She is a daughter of Elisha and Lucy Mix, her father being a machinist of Plymouth. They have one child, Austin Beach. Mrs. Beach (nee Mix) is a lineal descendant of Mercy Bradford, who was born while crossing in the Mayflower. She was a daughter of William Bradford.

D. L. NEUTZLING is one of the prominent citizens of Bellaire, where he has been brought before the public notice in connection with the Ohio Valley Roofing Company, of which prosperous enterprise he is the manager. It is a remarkable thing for a young man to be able to fill his father's shoes at so early an age as did Mr. Neutzling, and when such is the case it is safe to predict that the shoes will soon become too small for him, or at least that he will soon outgrow the shoes.

D. L. Neutzling was born December 9, 1886, at Charleston, West Virginia, and is the son of Jacob and Minnie (McDonald) Neutzling. Jacob Neutzling was a native of Pomeroy, Ohio, and his ancestors originally came from Germany, bringing with them the rectitude and commercial abilities which are characteristic of the German race, and which were handed down to their descendants. Jacob Neutzling as a young man married Miss Minnie McDonald, a young lady of Scotch ancestry, but who had spent her life previous to her marriage in Pomeroy. To this union five children were born, but we will only make special mention of D. L. Neutzling, whose name is at the head of this brief outline. Mr. Jacob Neutzling maintains his residence in Bellaire. The

early years of his married life were spent in Charleston, West Virginia, and then he moved to Pomeroy, Ohio.

D. L. Neutzling spent the first few years of his life in Charleston, his native town, and before he was old enough to go to school he went with his parents to Pomeroy, Ohio; there he attended the public schools, where he received a good general education, and on completion of the course afforded by the schools he learned the roofing business and became an adept in the manufacture of all kinds of roofing. In 1898 he came to Bellaire and entered the employ of the Ohio Valley Roofing Company, which is one of the flourishing concerns of the neighborhood, doing a large business in the vicinity of Wheeling. The company soon realized the value of Mr. Neutzling's services and gave him the position of manager of the plant, a position which he has held since 1910, and during which time the business has steadily increased as a result of his efficient supervision. Mr. Neutzling has a force of several men in his employ, and he aims to hire none but skilled workmen, so that the quality of the work done is always first class. It is one of Mr. Neutzling's fixed business principles that the most efficient service will bring the surest returns, and he applies that principle to the enterprise with which he is connected. The results seem to prove that Mr. Neutzling's theories are correct.

In the month of roses and weddings, 1909, Mr. Neutzling was united in marriage to Miss Louella Hudson, the daughter of John Hudson, a resident of Bellaire. Mr. and Mrs. Neutzling have one child, Marie. Both husband and wife are regular attendants of the Presbyterian Church at Bellaire, and are held in affectionate regard by the members of this church. Mr. Neutzling seems to have inherited some of the characteristics of his German as well as his Scotch ancestry, and those, together with the spirit of American enterprise which he possesses, have influenced him to become the able and useful citizen that he is to-day.

JAMES W. PAXTON.—It is fifteen years since James Paxton, one of Wheeling's prominent and valued citizens,

"Gave his honors to the world again,
His blessed part to heaven and slept in peace,"

but his memory remains undimmed in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He was born August 21, 1821, in the city of Wheeling, and died November 2, 1896, when about seventy-five years of age. Mr. Paxton was the son of William and Hannah (Whitehead) Paxton, the father being a native of Ireland. His father, whose name was Alexander, became imbued with the idea of seeking new and better fortunes in the new land across the blue Atlantic and accordingly set sail with his little family. He never reached the "Promised Land," as it has been well called, for he died on shipboard and was buried at sea. His family made their way as best they could, deprived of their natural protector, and the son William eventually married and established his home in Wheeling, where James Paxton was born.

Mr. Paxton acquired an excellent education, the foundation of which was laid in the free schools of his native town. He attended Marietta College and subsequent to that was enrolled as a student in St. Mary's College in Maryland. He took a course in civil engineering, but did not make that his life work. His tastes and abilities lay rather in a commercial direction and for a time he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Wheeling. He was successful in this enter-



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prise and, having secured a competence sufficient to support him and his family, he retired from active business and made a trip abroad, visiting the ancestral land and many of the capitals of Europe. He was prominent in financial circles as president of the First National Bank of Wheeling, and it was largely due to his discrimination and well directed administrative dealing that the institution became a substantial and popular banking house. In short, there was little of public import in Wheeling in which he was not helpfully interested, and he enjoyed the respect of the community in general.

Mr. Paxton was twice married, first to Miss Catherine M. Paull, of Kentucky, who bore him several children, all of whom are deceased. She passed on to the life eternal and Mr. Paxton took as his second wife Miss Frances Jean Logan, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Langan) Logan, their union being celebrated on January 11, 1872. This wife, who survives her honored husband, was a native of Pennsylvania and is a lady of high standing in the city. The second marriage was blessed by the birth of three children, namely, Charles F., Eliza W. and Gertrude L., all of whom are living. The beautiful Paxton homestead is situated in the midst of nineteen acres and bears the name of Uplands. It is one of the landmarks of Wheeling and is the abode of hospitality. The family are affiliated with the First Presbyterian church, of which the subject was an attendant.

ALFRED F. ULRICH began his career as a package boy at the age of fifteen and is now president of one of the largest grocery houses in Wheeling. The industry and application essential to success characterized his efforts from the beginning, and having acquired material success he has devoted a high public spirit to those movements and undertakings which make a community prosperous and worthy in civic standards.

A native of Wheeling, and the son of H. C. and Caroline (Ehrhardt) Ulrich, he was born November 26, 1868. His schooling was in the eighth ward public school. His ambitions as a boy urged him into independent effort at an early age, with the result that in September, 1883, he became package boy in one of the mercantile houses of the city. After many promotions and the changes incident to progressive ability, Mr. Ulrich is now president, manager and principal owner of the H. F. Behrens Company. He is also steamship agent for trans-Atlantic lines, and is a director of the Home Fire Insurance Company of Wheeling.

Mr. Ulrich is a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association, and is interested in the work of the Associated Charities and the City Hospital. He is active in the Trinity Lutheran church of Wheeling, being a member of the church council and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and is also a member of the Y. M. C. A. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason of the Scottish Rite and Knight Templar; also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Elks.

Mr. Ulrich married Miss Mollie Marie Zimmer. Her father was the late Carl Zimmer, who was in the baking business at Wheeling a number of years, and her mother is Mrs. Julia (Lang) Zimmer. Four children have been born of their marriage: Carl Zimmer, William Harry, George Behrens, and Alfred F., who is deceased.

C. L. DORER, superintendent of the Imperial Glass Works of Bellaire, is one of the ablest men in his department of work in this vicinity. He has had a long and successful experience and has been identified with the glass industry at Bellaire nearly thirty years.

He was born and reared amid a country noted the world over for its art trades. His parents were F. S. and Elizabeth (Gleiser) Dorer, and his father spent his life as a family doctor in the region of the famous Black Forest mountains of Baden, Germany. The father died in 1859 and the mother in 1895. There were seven children, and of these the fifth was C. L. Dorer, who was born at his father's home in January, 1854. He received his early schooling there and at the trade school at Freiburg, L. B., where he became a mechanic. At the age of twenty-eight, in 1882, he came to America to find the larger opportunities which his skill deserved. After spending a year at Pittsburg he came to Bellaire in 1883, and was connected with the Rodefer Brothers Glass Company for twenty-two years, and also with T. A. Rodefer. He was then made superintendent of the Imperial Glass Works. In 1900, on November 19, he engaged in the foundry business, establishing his plant at the corner of Twenty-sixth and Water streets, where he does all kinds of foundry work, employing seventeen people. He was also the founder of the Enterprise Enamel Company, of Bellaire, Ohio, being vice-president.

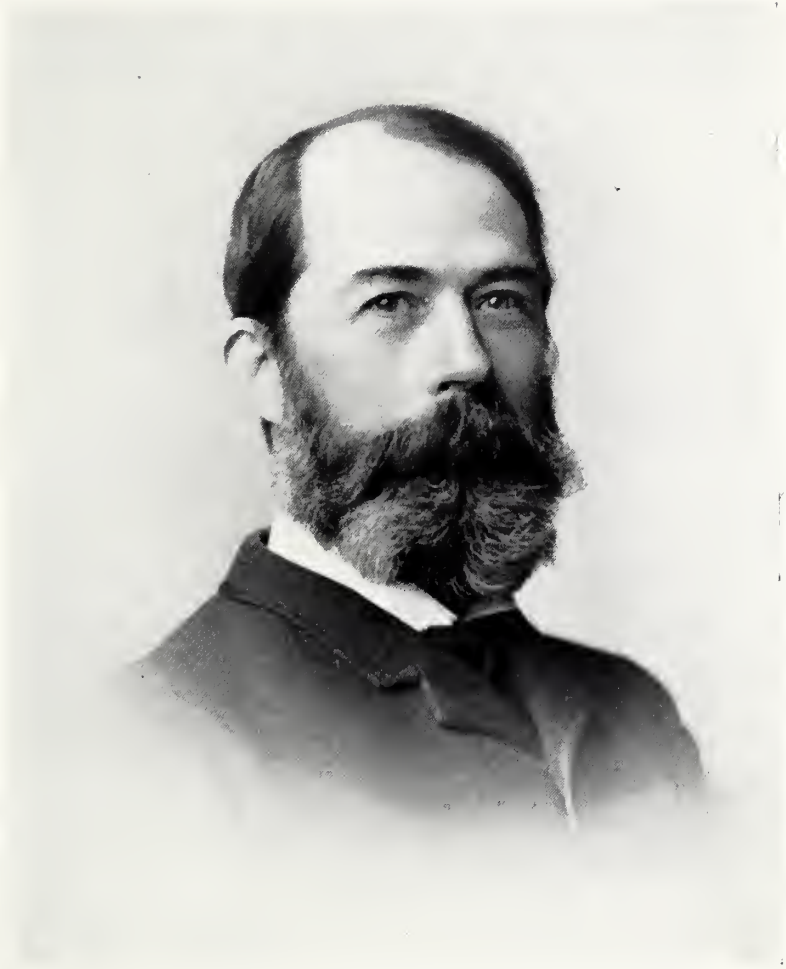
Mr. Dorer was married in 1885 to Miss Julia Hess, who was born and reared in Bellaire, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Hess. They are the parents of five children—Vera B., Carl H., Richard J., Mollie and Walter F. Mr. Dorer is a Knight Templar Mason and a Knight of Pythias, and is also vice-president of the German-American Alliance.

C. W. BROCKUNIER, the retired glass manufacturer of Wheeling, has now arrived at a position where he can look back over a prosperous career, a life filled to the brim with usefulness. Nor have his powers of doing good become exhausted, for, though he is no longer actively engaged in business, his faculties are not impaired in the least, but on the other hand his mind is as keenly alert as in his youth. The history of his business progress shows a steady growth.

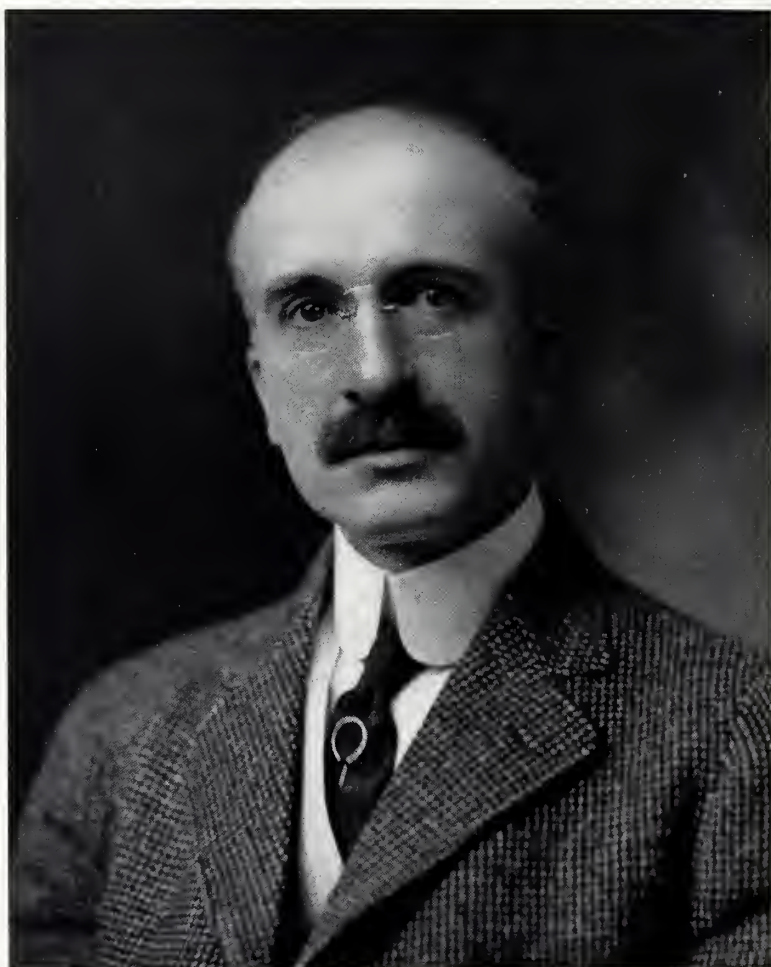
Mr. Brockunier was born in Belmont county, Ohio. He is the son of the Rev. Samuel R. and Sarah Zane (Clark) Brockunier, the latter a granddaughter of Ebenezer Zane, the first settler in Wheeling, where his descendants are still prominent. The Rev. Samuel Brockunier was a pious and learned preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, and he took pains to train his children in principles of morality and rectitude of living in all respects.

C. W. Brockunier was educated in the district schools in his neighborhood and later attended the high school in Alleghany City, from which he was graduated. He then launched out into the business world, beginning as a bookkeeper in a glass company, that of Hobbs & Barney. By diligent attention to the duties which his position required, and by observing carefully those details of the business which lay beyond his own particular province, he gradually made himself master of the workings of the concern. He later became a member of a glass company situated in South Wheeling, the style of the firm being Hobbs, Brockunier & Company. Mr. Brockunier was a pioneer in the development of oil in West Virginia and in the development of natural gas, and he was president of the Manufacturers' Natural Gas Company, which first brought natural gas to the city of Wheeling. He served in 1893 as a member of the West Virginia state legislature, elected on the Democratic ticket. He is now a Republican.

Mr. Brockunier married Miss Elizabeth Caldwell Brady, whose father and mother were both members of pioneer families in this part of West Virginia. Of the six children who were born to Mr. and Mrs.



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Brockunier three are living—Samuel H., now in California; Elizabeth S. and Mary, at home with her father, Mr. Brockunier retains his interest in church life and has for years been a member of the old Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church of Wheeling.

JULIAN G. HEARNE.—Application of the scriptural aphorism that “a prophet is not without honor save in his own country” can not be made in connection with the standing of Senator Julian Green Hearne in his home community and native state. He is not only one of the influential factors in connection with important industrial and financial enterprises in his native city of Wheeling but is also representative of this, the most important and first senatorial district of West Virginia in the state legislature, in whose house of delegates he had previously been a valued member for two terms. He is one of the influential figures in the ranks of the Republican party in this state and the official preferments accorded him well indicate his status in popular confidence and esteem.

Julian Green Hearne was born in Wheeling, on the 6th of August, 1868, and is as son of William L. and Laura (Ford) Hearne, the former of whom was born at Laurel, Delaware, and the latter at Washington, D. C. William L. Hearne was an iron manufacturer, founder of the Riverside Iron Works, now a part of the United States Steel Corporation. He was a member of West Virginia state legislature in 1877 and was an active Republican. He died in 1895, aged seventy-seven years. The family worshipped at the Presbyterian church.

Three sons and three daughters of the family are now living, one son and three daughters being by his first marriage and two sons by the last marriage. Senator Hearne gained his rudimentary education in the schools of his native city and supplemented this by a course of study in Peekskill Military Academy at Peekskill, New York, and Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1892. In his active business career the Senator has been identified in various capacities with the Carnegie Steel Company, the Riverside Iron Works of Wheeling, and the National Tube Company. He is a stockholder in various industrial corporations as well as in leading financial institutions.

Senator Hearne has stood at all times exemplar of distinctive civic loyalty and public spirit, and this has been shown in divers ways,—in his service in public office, in his promotion of enterprises that have tended to augment the general welfare of his home city, in his earnest support of benevolent and moral organizations, and in his sterling integrity of purpose in all the relations of life. In politics he accords unswerving allegiance to the Republican party and he has given effective service in behalf of its cause. In 1906 he was elected to represent Ohio county in the house of delegates of the state legislature, and he was chosen his own successor upon the expiration of his first term. His broad-minded and business-like work as a member of the lower house of the legislative body marked him for higher official preferment, and in 1910, after a spirited canvas, he was elected representative of the first senatorial district in the state senate, of which he is now an active and valued member. He has been zealous in the work on the floor of the senate and also in the deliberations of the committee room. He has found assignment to various important committees, especially those on taxation and finance, in which his work has been notably valuable.

In the upbuilding and maintenance of the Young Men's Christian Association in Wheeling Senator Hearne has contributed liberally of time and funds, and he has also been an earnest supporter of the local Anti-Tuberculosis League and other charitable and benevolent enter-

prises and institutions. He is affiliated with both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic fraternity, as well as the adjunct organization, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is identified with the Fort Henry Club, one of the leading social organizations of his native city. He is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church, which his wife also attends, and is active and influential in the affairs of the parish of St. Matthew's church, of whose vestry he is a member.

On the 6th of June, 1900, was solemnized the marriage of Senator Hearne to Dr. Lydia Cromwell, daughter of William F. Cromwell, a representative citizen of Bedford, Pennsylvania, where he is engaged in the foundry business. Senator and Mrs. Hearne have one son, Julian Green, Jr., who was born on the 20th of September, 1904.

SAMUEL SPRIGG ZANE, now retired, was for many years a well-known river man and farmer of this vicinity. His career has had many varied incidents and interesting changes, and he has witnessed the most important developments in the history of this locality.

He represents one of the oldest families of Wheeling, and he himself is one of the oldest living native sons of the city, having been born here September 27, 1837. The first of the name to settle at Wheeling was his great-grandfather, who came from Philadelphia. The grandfather was Noah Zane, a native of Wheeling, who married a Miss Chapline. Platoff Zane, the father of Samuel S., was born in a house at the corner of Eleventh and Main streets, and he married Eliza Jane Great-house.

In the Wheeling of his boyhood days Mr. Zane first attended a private school on Fourteenth street, was a student in the Walnut Hill Academy of Cincinnati for two years, and then entered Georgetown University at Washington. He also took a course in the Linsly Institute of Wheeling, having been given very liberal advantages. His first business experience was as clerk in the Baltimore & Ohio depot. Steamboating on the Ohio was his next occupation, and he soon became one of the best known men on the river. For a number of years Mr. Zane was engaged in farming in Belmont county, Ohio. He has been an enterprising worker, and success has come to him as a due reward.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Zane enlisted at Parkersburg in Company D, Eleventh West Virginia Infantry, and served throughout the war as a private. The first colonel of his regiment was Dan Frost, and after his death Major Van Buckey was made colonel. Mr. Zane was twice wounded in the service, first at Berryville, Virginia, and later was wounded in the shoulder while carrying the flag at Fisher's Hill.

In May, 1865, he married Miss Elizabeth Land, daughter of John Land. They had children as follows: Edwin, Roy, Elizabeth and Colburn, all now deceased. The mother of these children passed away in 1881. In 1904 occurred his second marriage, when Ada L. Megie became his wife. She died in July, 1908.

Mr. Zane was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he attends the Episcopal church. His long residence in Wheeling and faithful performance of the duties of business and citizenship have brought him the high regard of many friends.

REV. EDWARD E. WEBER.—In the parish which represents the place of his nativity it has been given Father Weber to achieve prominence and influence as a member of the priesthood of the Catholic



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church, and this fact is assured by the mere statement that from the time of his receiving of the holy orders to the present time he has served as secretary and chancellor to the bishop of the diocese of Wheeling, where he is also acting chaplain of Mount de Chantal Academy, of which noble institution specific mention is made on other pages of this work.

Father Weber was born in the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, on the 13th of March, 1870, and is a son of Melchior and Genevieve (Fox) Weber, both natives of Germany, whence the former came to America when thirty years of age and the latter as a child of five years, in company with her parents. Father Edward E. Weber gained his early educational discipline in the parochial schools of Wheeling, where he was reared to maturity and where his initial experience was gained in connection with the affairs of various business houses. After having been employed for a number of years as assistant bookkeeper in one of the leading wholesale notion establishments in Wheeling he resumed his educational work, as he had decided to enter the priesthood of the great mother church under whose benignant teachings he had been reared. He accordingly entered St. Charles College, at Ellicott City, Maryland, where he completed his classical course in September, 1889, after which he was matriculated in St. Mary's Seminary, in the city of Baltimore, that state, where he applied himself with all of earnestness to his philosophical and theological studies, with the result that he was graduated as a member of the class of 1900 and duly received his degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology. On the 29th of June, 1900, in St. Joseph's cathedral of his native city, he was ordained to the priesthood at the episcopal hands of Rt. Rev. Patrick J. Donahue, bishop of the diocese of Wheeling, with whom he has since been actively identified as secretary and chancellor of the bishop and in the exercise of his sacerdotal functions, to which he gives himself with all of consecrated zeal and devotion. He has been specially earnest and efficient in looking after the interests of the orphan children of the diocese, and is secretary of the Wheeling Hospital and Orphans' Asylum. Father Weber is unceasing in his devotion to his work, is kindly and tolerant in his attitude, does all in his power to uplift his fellow-men, and is ever ready to give succor to those in affliction and distress, so that it is a natural result that he has inviolable hold upon popular confidence and esteem in the city that has ever been his home.

HAROLD W. CAMPBELL.—It has been within the province of Mr. Campbell to gain secure status and prestige as one of the representative business men of the younger generation in his native city of Wheeling, where he has been actively identified with banking interests for a number of years and where he is now secretary and cashier of the Bank of Fulton, one of the substantial and prosperous financial institutions of this section of the state and one that he was primarily influential in founding.

The Bank of Fulton was organized in 1909 and was duly incorporated under the banking laws of the state, with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars. Its affairs have been most efficiently administered by its cashier, as the chief office executive, and its conservative policies and liberal methods have gained to it a substantial and representative support. The executive corps of the bank is as here noted: William H. Nichols, president; Otto Schenk, vice-president; and Harold W. Campbell, secretary and cashier. In addition to these officers the directorate of the institution includes the following named and repre-

sentative citizens: William B. Irvine, Louis Sax, George Zoeckler, Michael Friesmuth, Henry Roth, G. Dos Bonar, and William V. Hoge, Jr. The bank now has deposits aggregating about one hundred thousand dollars. The offices of the bank are of modern equipment and are located at the corner of Fifth street and National Road, Fulton, West Virginia.

Harold W. Campbell was born in Wheeling, and the date of his nativity was June 23, 1882. He is the youngest of the five children of Alexander and Mary H. (Rearick) Campbell, who still maintain their home in Wheeling, where the father is a prominent and influential citizen. Alexander Campbell came from Des Moines, Iowa, and established his home in Wheeling more than thirty years ago, and he has been a prominent factor in national politics, as a staunch advocate of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor. He was appointed by President McKinley to the position of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, a position he still holds.

To the public schools of Wheeling Harold W. Campbell is indebted for his early educational training, which includes the curriculum of the high school, and thereafter he was for two years a student in the law department of the University of West Virginia. The somewhat dry intricacies of the law did not prove sufficiently alluring to satisfy the ambition and enterprising spirit of Mr. Campbell, and he has found a fruitful field of productive endeavor in connection with the banking business. After leaving the university he secured a position in the National Exchange Bank of Wheeling, in which he applied himself earnestly and gained a valuable knowledge of the various details of the business, so that he soon proved himself in line for a position of greater responsibility, which preferment was accorded him when he was chosen assistant cashier of the Security Trust Company. Later he assumed a similar position in the South Side Bank, with which he continued to be thus identified until he showed his initiative and his appreciation of the elements of success by effecting the organization of the Bank of Fulton, in the incorporation of which he secured the co-operation of citizens of strong financial standing and of representative status in the community.

In politics Mr. Campbell gives his allegiance to the Republican party and as a citizen he is progressive and public-spirited. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church. Mrs. Campbell is a member of the Presbyterian church.

On the 16th of September, 1908, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Campbell to Miss Maude Dille, daughter of Oliver H. and Gille (Evans) Dille of Morgantown, this state. Both Mr. Dille and his wife are of staunch old Revolutionary stock and Mrs. Dille, who is a prominent and valued member of the West Virginia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has recently given to that organization a tract of land, to be utilized as a marker by the Daughters of the American Revolution commemorating the spot where George Washington stopped for the night and ate breakfast in a log cabin while on a surveying expedition. The log cabin has since been torn down, but a gavel used by the Chapter at Morgantown is made of a piece of the timber which was used in the construction of the above cabin. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are popular factors in the social activities of their home city and their family circle is completed by the presence of a fine little son, Alexander Oliver.

REV. OSCAR H. MOYE.—The able and honored rector of the St. Joseph's cathedral church, the see parish of the diocese of Wheel-

ing, is one of the representative members of the Catholic priesthood in West Virginia, in whose beautiful metropolis he is well known and enjoys unequivocal popularity. His fine intellectual attainments, his earnest labors in behalf of his fellow-men, and his status as one of the broad-minded and public spirited citizens of Wheeling render most consonant his recognition within the pages of this publication.

Father Moye is of staunch German lineage and is a scion of one of the old and honored families of Pennsylvania. He finds a due meed of satisfaction in reverting to the Keystone state as the place of his nativity, and he has honored the same by his character and services. He was born in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of April, 1864, and is a son of Edward and Mary (Hatry) Moye, both likewise natives of the fine old Keystone commonwealth. Edward Moye was born in the city of Pittsburgh, which continued to be his home throughout his entire life, and there he became a representative factor in the wholesale commission trade, with which he continued to be actively identified until his death, when in the very prime of life. He was afforded a university education and was a man of sterling character and marked business acumen. His father, Dr. Edward Moye, was born in Germany, where he was reared and educated and where his marriage was solemnized. He came to America while still a young man, and for many years he was engaged in the successful practice of medicine and surgery in Mount Oliver, on the south side of the city of Pittsburgh. He was one of the pioneer physicians of that city and gained prominence in his profession as well as the high regard of all who knew him. He was a citizen of influence and progressive ideas and he continued to reside in Pittsburgh until his death, at a venerable age. Of his two children the elder was Edward, father of him whose name initiates this review, and the younger was a daughter, who became the wife of Henry Stamm, of Pittsburgh.

Edward and Mary (Hatry) Moye became the parents of the following children, of whom Father Moye, of this sketch, was the firstborn; Charles J. is a resident of Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh, where he is engaged in mercantile business; Laura is the wife of James H. Harner, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Edward is engaged in the insurance business at Pittsburgh, and Louise is deceased. The mother eventually contracted a second marriage, becoming the wife of William Doyle, president of the United States Glass Company, of Pittsburgh. Two children were born of the second marriage—Bessie, who remains at the parental home, and Donald B., who was graduated in Princeton University and who is now engaged as a mining engineer in New Mexico. The parents of Rev. Oscar H. Moye were members of the Presbyterian church, and his conversion to the faith of the great mother church was thus a matter of personal conviction and volition.

To the public schools of his native city Father Oscar H. Moye is indebted for his early educational discipline, and there he was graduated in the high school, as a member of the class of 1880. He was a youth of serious and contemplative mind and early manifested that fine spirituality that has made him so worthy and earnest a worker in the vineyard of the divine Master. On the 1st of October, 1880, he was confirmed in the Catholic church, and he forthwith signalized the depth and staunchness of his religious faith by beginning the work of preparation for the priesthood. He completed his classical course at Dunkirk, New York, with the Passionist Fathers and was sent to West Hoboken, New Jersey, where he studied philosophy and theology. He was ordained to the priesthood on the 26th of October, 1890, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Winand Michael Wigger, D. D., Bishop of Newark. Father Moye's first

duties were assistant in Baltimore at St. Joseph's church on the Frederick road. He came to Wheeling a few weeks after the consecration of Rt. Rev. Bishop Donahue, D. D., arriving on May 16, 1894, and has been stationed at the Cathedral since that time. He was assistant until September, 1899, when he was made rector of the cathedral. He is a member of the council of Rt. Rev. Bishop.

He is a man of fine social qualities and has naught of intellectual bigotry or intolerance, the keynote of his character being the spirit of helpfulness, so that he naturally has gained to himself the affectionate regard of his parishioners and the confidence and esteem of the community in general. He was one of the speakers who officiated at the laying of the cornerstone of the new postoffice and also spoke at the Fair Grounds at the McKinley memorial.

CHARLES WASSMANN.—One of the distinctive functions of this publication is to enter due record concerning the territory normally tributary to Wheeling as a distributing and industrial center, and special attention should thus be given to the thriving city of Bellaire, Ohio, which is located at a point down the Ohio river about four miles distant from Wheeling and which in its material and civic prosperity and many advantages can well maintain its own laurels. Of this city the present efficient and popular mayor is he whose name initiates this paragraph, and as one of the representative citizens of the place he is well entitled to specific consideration in this work. In addition to being chief executive of the municipal government of Bellaire he is here the incumbent of the position of head bookkeeper for the DuBois & McCoy Lumber Company, one of the important business concerns of this locality.

Charles Wassmann is a native of the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, where he was born on the 12th of May, 1874, and he is a son of Fred and Caroline (Wayman) Wassmann, who were born and reared in Butler county, Pennsylvania. The father was identified with the business activities in the city of Wheeling for some time and then established himself in the retail shoe business at Bellaire, where he continued to maintain his home until his death, which occurred in 1899. He was one of the representative business men and highly esteemed citizens of Bellaire, where his widow continued to reside until her death, in 1910, both having been consistent members of the German Lutheran church. All their six children, three sons and three daughters, survive the honored parents, and of the number the present mayor of Bellaire was the fifth in order of birth. Charles Wassmann is indebted to the public schools of Bellaire for his early educational training, and this was supplemented by an effective course in the Wheeling Business College. At the age of seventeen years he secured employment in the local office of B. & O. Railroad Company, and for nine years he was incumbent of the dual office of chief clerk and cashier. He has held his present position with the DuBois & McCoy Lumber Company since 1904 and is a trusted and valued employee.

Mr. Wassmann has ever taken a lively interest in all that touches the welfare of his home city, and in 1905 he was elected president of the municipal council, of which body he was serving as president at the time of the death of the mayor, when he became the logical successor for the chief executive office, to which he was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mayor Charles Kompert in 1907 and of which he has continued in tenure since that time. His administration has been marked by progressiveness, loyalty and conservatism, and his retention of office well indicates the estimate placed upon him and his services by



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the people of the community that has represented his home from his childhood days. In politics the mayor is aligned as a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and the Royal Arcanum, and both he and his wife hold membership in the First Presbyterian church of their home city, where they are popular factors in the best social activities.

On the 4th of July, 1894, Mr. Wassman was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Murphy, daughter of Dennis and Bridget Murphy, residents of Bellaire, Ohio, and the two children of this union are Dorothy and Charles, Jr.

HOWELL A. CARVER is one of the most prominent of the business men of Bridgeport. He is one of the younger men, and for the short time that he has been in business has been remarkably successful. He has a keen mind, and inherited from his father a fine business sense. His father was a real estate man, and it was natural that the son should follow in his steps. He has thus been in an environment of peculiar benefit to him ever since he was old enough to take an interest in something besides animals and toy soldiers. He is a clean-minded young fellow, and is fully conscious that although the country is largely dependent upon the wisdom of older heads to carry her through the crisis which she is now facing, yet it is the young men who will bear the brunt of battle. He is a fine example of that type of wide-awake American who sees that conditions are rapidly changing, and that whoever desires to keep abreast of the march of progress must be continually on the *qui vive*. When the time comes he will be another one of the army of young men who will be able to take an intelligent part in the safeguarding of their country's interests, for he will be one of those who have studied conditions, and who have thought and read and reasoned until they can see clearly the way of salvation.

Howell A. Carver was born in Washington, D. C., in 1886, on the 17th of August. He is the son of E. H. Carver, who was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. His mother was Effie Cline, Martins Ferry, Ohio, being the place of her birth. She was the daughter of Isaac R. Cline, who was the most prominent business man of Martin's Ferry. He was very active in all the affairs of the town and did much to advance the interests of the place and to bring prosperity to this section of the country. He was a manufacturer of staves and barrels, and this factory being the largest in Martins Ferry was of much importance in the commercial history of the town. E. H. Carver was United States pension examiner at Washington, D. C., and was later interested in real estate business in that city. He moved to Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and bought a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1908.

It was upon this farm of his father's that Howell Carver grew up, for he was quite a small boy when his father moved from Washington. He received his education in the public schools, and when the time came for him to earn his own living, in spite of the fact that his father could give him the benefit of his own experience, he felt that he should have further preparation for his career. He therefore took a course in the famous International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He also had a course in the International Realty Association of Chicago. With this professional training and the practical advice that his father could give him, he started out in the real estate and insurance business. The success that came to him has already been spoken of. In addition to real estate he handles stocks and bonds, and his wide-awake methods,

as well as his reputation for reliability, have brought to him considerable business of this sort. His mother is living with him. He is the eldest of a family of three, and is unmarried.

HENRY STEIN, six successive times mayor of Elm Grove, has been closely identified with the principal movements for the progress of that city to modern municipal conditions. He has been a progressive official during a period when that kind of man was needed for the successful evolution of the city, and under his management the resources of the city have been directed to the best advantage, with results which will always reflect credit on Mr. Stein.

One of the representative business men of Wheeling, he began active life when a boy and through his native ability and persistent application has won this high place in business and public regard. He was born at Sardis, Ohio, March 16, 1859, and is a son of the late Michael Stein and his wife Eleanore (Kreuder) Stein. The father died on March 8, 1909, but the mother is still living. Michael Stein was a native of Hesse-Cassel, and for nearly sixty years was an honored resident in the vicinity of Wheeling. After being educated in Germany he came to America, when about seventeen, and after spending a brief time in New Orleans and Mississippi he located at Wheeling. In the old country he had learned the trade of wagon making, and an old and prosperous business still in existence is based on his original skill and business judgment in that trade. He lived at Summerton, Ohio, and Wheeling a short time and then located in Fulton, West Virginia, where he established his shop and continued in business until in 1902 he moved to Elm Grove to spend his last years.

Mr. Henry Stein lived in Fulton from 1860 until 1902. His first schooling was received there, and he also attended for a time the German Lutheran school in Wheeling, but when fourteen years old he entered his father's shop and applied himself to mastering the trade and business. Ten years later he was manager of the business, and after his father's retirement continued the business ten years. In 1895 Mr. Stein and Henry Miller succeeded the old firm of W. T. Burt & Company, wholesale wagon makers and blacksmiths' supplies, of Wheeling, and have since conducted this plant at 1313 Main street and increased its business to large proportions.

As mayor of Elm Grove he has worked for the improvement of the city along broad lines, but probably his chief enthusiasm centers in adequate fire protection. He was one of the prime movers in organizing the present fire company and was its first chief. He became interested in this department of municipal activity while a resident of Fulton, becoming a member of the volunteer force when twenty years old and not resigning until he left that town.

Mr. Stein was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Elm Grove in 1904, and has been a director ever since. He is a member of the German Lutheran church, and in Masonry is affiliated with both the York and Scottish Rites, being a Knight Templar and a Thirty-second Degree Mason, and also a member of Osiras Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

In 1892 he married Miss Mary C. Hoffmann, of an old family in Wheeling. Her death occurred August 14, 1897, and she now rests in Greenwood cemetery. They had two children, Eleanore B. and Franz H., both now in school. Mr. Stein's second marriage occurred in May, 1899, when Miss Jennie C. Hoffmann became his wife. She passed away July 29, 1903, and is also buried in Greenwood cemetery.

FRIEND COX, who bears a name that for a century has been associated with pioneer enterprise and the highest business and personal integrity in West Virginia and the Ohio Valley, has himself been conspicuous in the upbuilding of two prosperous communities about Wheeling. The beautiful town of Woodsdale owes much to Mr. Cox's public-spirited enterprise, where for a number of years he has made his home. When he came here from his former home in Moundsville he bought three and a half acres of the original Woods farm, and has since developed this to be the most beautiful part of the suburb, he himself having built two fine homes here, besides one in Woodlawn. For a number of years Mr. Cox was a resident of Moundsville, and during that time he was a generous and active promoter of everything that would increase Moundsville's attractiveness and business stability. A man of resource and enthusiasm, it is a fortunate community which claims Mr. Cox among its citizens.

Mr. Cox inherits a record of conspicuous forefathers who have lastingly identified themselves with the history of the upper Ohio valley from the beginning of settlement. His grandfather was Friend Cox, who was one of the early settlers of Wellsburg, and who for thirty years held the office of clerk of court. He married Eliza Jane Woods, of a well known Wheeling family.

One of their children was Robert Woods Cox, father of Friend Cox of this sketch. He was born at Wheeling, April 7, 1820. He was educated at Meadville, Pennsylvania, for the profession of the law, but never practiced. Instead he returned to his large farm of six hundred acres and there spent his life among agricultural scenes and activities, rearing his family of three children on this estate.

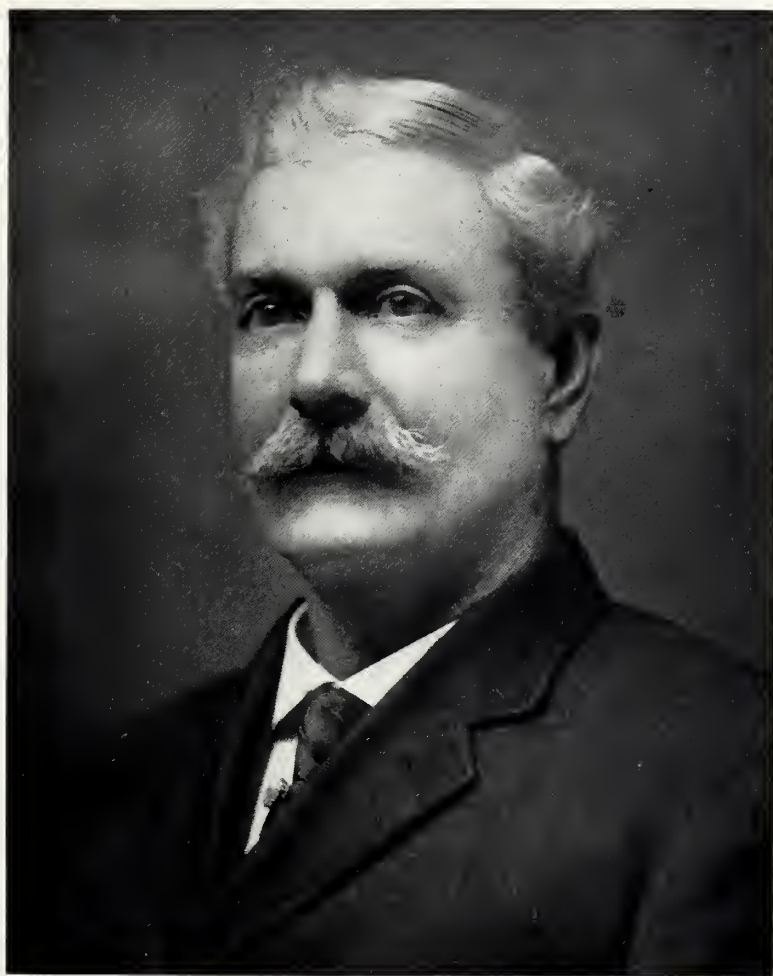
Robert W. Cox married Jane Cresap, daughter of Michael and Hannah (Ogle) Cresap. Few families in the region west of the Alleghanies were settled there at an earlier period or were more prominent in the events of pioneer life than the Cresaps. The American branch of this family originated with Colonel Thomas Cresap, who immigrated from Yorktown, England, when about fifteen years old, and settled on the borderland between Maryland and Pennsylvania, and later acquired an immense landed estate on both sides of the upper Potomac, in both Maryland and Virginia. He was a member of the Ohio Company which made the first settlement at Pittsburgh, and living on the then western frontier was exposed to the dangers of the French and Indian war. He was involved in numerous perils from Indians and other foes, and was one of the most remarkable pioneers of that century. His son, Captain Michael, acquired even greater renown than his father, and in 1826 his career was made the subject of a biographical work called the "Life of Captain Cresap." He was born June 29, 1742. In his early life he was a merchant, and in 1774 engaged in the business of building houses and clearing lands in the Ohio bottoms, but was compelled to desist from this pioneering enterprise because of the hostility of the Indians during Dunmore's war. He took an active part in this war, and on several occasions was at the fort at Wheeling. He returned to the scene of his previous endeavors in 1775, but the outbreak of the Revolution interfered with his plans. He was appointed to command one of two rifle companies from Maryland, and at the head of his company marched to Boston and joined Washington's army. But his ill health compelled him to leave the army, and while on his way home he died at New York, October 5, 1775. His tombstone was erected in old Trinity Church Yard, New York City, where his body reposes. Captain Cresap left five children, two sons and three daughters, the youngest being

Michael, who married Miss Ogle, they being the maternal grandparents of Mr. Cox. Michael Cresap, the younger, settled in the Ohio valley in 1803, and thus founded in this locality the name which his father had first given distinction here before the Revolution.

The descendant of such ancestors, Mr. Friend Cox was the youngest child of his parents and was born at New Martinsville, West Virginia, August 15, 1852. He was married, April 28, 1881, to Miss Josephine M. Eoff, and they have three children: Roberta May, wife of F. H. Weaver; Cresap B., at home; and Josephine Ruth, a student in high school. The family are members of the Episcopal church.

ORLANDO P. MASON.—Of the subsidiary towns and cities given consideration in this "History of Greater Wheeling and Vicinity" none merits more distinctive consideration than Bellaire, Ohio, which has secure prestige as an industrial and commercial city of marked thrift and prosperity and which is also possessed of many attractions as a place of residence. In according recognition to those citizens who here stand representative in various spheres of activity there is all of consistency in making specific record concerning the present efficient and popular postmaster of Bellaire, who is a native son of the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, and a scion of one of the honored German families early settled in the metropolis of that state.

Orlando P. Mason was born in Wheeling on the 5th of October, 1856, and is a son of Joseph and Charlotte (Stevens) Mason, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Wheeling, West Virginia. Joseph Mason was a lad of nine years at the time of his parents' immigration to America, and after residing for a time at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the family came to Wheeling, West Virginia, where they took up their abode in the pioneer days. Joseph Mason devoted the major part of his active career as a nailer in the La Belle mill, and he passed the closing years of his life in Grandview, Ohio. Of their children two sons are now living. One daughter died in infancy. The present postmaster of Bellaire gained his early education in the public schools of Washington county, Ohio, and as a young man he was identified with the tobacco industry as a buyer and packer. He followed this line of enterprise about five years and for the following year was concerned with navigation activities on the Ohio river. In 1873, when about seventeen years of age, he came to Bellaire, where he secured employment in a nail factory. He was thus engaged until 1879 and for a period approximately seven years thereafter he had charge of the carpenter work in the Bellaire Steel Works. Possessed of distinctive mechanical genius, Mr. Mason invented, in 1889, an ingot machine for the turning of steel on the tables on which it is rolled. He secured a patent on this invention and the device, the value of which was immediately recognized, is now used in steel plants throughout the United States, the rights to use the same being sold to different companies, to which is also granted the privilege of improving the invention. In the early '80s Mr. Mason engaged in the handling of house-furnishing goods, as a jobber and retailer, and in this line of enterprise he built up a prosperous business in Bellaire. In 1902 Mr. Mason invented a furnace for house-heating purposes, and he thereafter effected the organization of a company for the manufacturing of the same in Bellaire. He had active supervision of the business for two years and then disposed of his interest in the same. In 1906 he was appointed postmaster of Bellaire, under the administration of President Roosevelt, and he has since retained this office, having been re-appointed under the



O. P. Mason

regime of President Taft. He has given scrupulous care to bring the service up to the highest standard of efficiency and his administration has been accorded unequivocal approval in the community. As may naturally be inferred, Mr. Mason is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and he has been an active worker in its local ranks. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church in their home city, and he is affiliated with the local organizations of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Royal Arcanum. As a Mason he has received the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which his affiliation is with the consistory in the city of Cincinnati.

On the 9th of June, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Mason to Miss Hannah B. Mellor, who was born and reared in Wheeling, West Virginia, and they became the parents of nine children, whose names are here entered in respective order of birth: Charles H., Lottie, Margaret, Lawrence, Anita, Jessie, Ralph H., Esther and Josephine. Of the number Charles H., Lottie, Lawrence and Jessie are deceased.

REV. BASIL MADER.—St. Michael's church, situated in Edgington Lane, Pleasant Valley, about three miles distant from the city of Wheeling, represents one of the important and flourishing parishes of the Catholic church in Ohio county, and its spiritual and temporal affairs have most effective administration under the regime of its present able and honored pastor, whose name initiates this paragraph.

Father Mader claims as the place of his nativity the province of Lorraine, Germany, which was still a part of France at the time of his birth, which there occurred on the 7th of December, 1856. He is a son of Peter and Cecilia (Jaques) Mader, who passed their entire lives in that picturesque province, where the father was a prosperous farmer and land owner and where both he and his wife were devout communicants of the Catholic church. Concerning their four children it may be noted that Martin is a member of the Catholic brotherhood of the Society of Mary and as such is rendering zealous service in New Zealand; Rev. Basil, of this review, was the next in order of birth; Joseph is deceased; and Margaret still remains in Lorraine, Germany.

Father Basil Mader attended the parochial schools of his native province until he had attained to the age of twelve years, after which he prosecuted his classical studies in the Catholic seminary at Finstingen, province of Lorraine. The Franco-Prussian war, which compassed the transference of Alsace and Lorraine to Germany, compelled the students of this institution to withdraw therefrom, and Father Mader thereafter continued his studies for a time in Pont-a-Mousson Seminary, in the fine old diocese of Nancy, France. He completed his classical course at Montigny, in the diocese of Metz, and in further preparation for the work of the priesthood he pursued his higher academic, philosophical and theological studies in the great Catholic seminary in the city of Metz, capital of the province of Lorraine. In 1878, as a member of the Society of Mary, he began fitting himself for work in the field of foreign missions, and after one year had elapsed he was assigned to pedagogic work, in connection with which he was for three years a teacher in different church colleges in France. He was then sent to the city of Dublin, Ireland, where he completed his divinity course in Dublin Seminary in 1882-84. In that city, on the 24th of August, 1884, he received the holy order of priesthood, at the hands of His Lordship, Bishop McGettigan, Primate of Ireland. Soon afterward he was sent

to America and assigned to a position as a member of the faculty of Jefferson College, in Louisiana, where he continued to labor with all of zeal and ability until 1893, when he was transferred to a college in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he remained until 1899, after which he was pastor of a parish in Maryland until October of 1900, when he came to Wheeling to assume his present parochial charge, that of St. Michael's church, whose influence and prosperity have been signally advanced under his earnest and consecrated endeavors. He is not only a man of high intellectual attainments and one of indefatigable zeal in his holy office, but he is also a careful and effective administrative officer, progressive in his policies and ever active in furthering the spiritual and material welfare of his parish, as well as the triumphant progress of the church militant.

JOSEPH S. IRWIN.—He to whom this brief memoir is dedicated passed his entire life in Wheeling or its vicinity, with a few years spent in St. Louis, and his death occurred on the 26th of February, 1876. He was a man of inflexible integrity in all the relations of life and his character was the positive expression of a strong and noble nature, so that he ever commanded secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men. He maintained a loyal interest in all that touched the welfare of his home city and was ready at all times to give his co-operation in the support of measures and enterprises tending to advance civic and material progress and prosperity. He was one of the valiant sons of the South who went forth in defense of the Confederate cause in the war between the states, and the same loyalty to duty indicated the man throughout his entire life. It is certainly fitting that in this history of the city in which he so long lived and labored and in which his name is held in lasting honor a tribute to his memory be perpetuated.

Joseph Smith Irwin was born in Wheeling, in May, 1831, and was a son of Isaac and Amy (Wiley) Irwin. His father likewise was a native of Ohio county, West Virginia, where he passed his entire life and was identified with various lines of productive enterprise. Mrs. Amy (Wiley) Irwin was a daughter of Rev. William W. Wiley, one of the early pastors of the First Presbyterian church of Wheeling, in the present edifice of which a fine window appears as a memorial to him. Mrs. William W. Wiley was more than one hundred years of age at the time of her death and was one of the revered women of Wheeling when she was summoned to the life eternal. Joseph S. Irwin was indebted to the schools of Wheeling for his early educational discipline, which was effectively supplemented by a course of study in an excellent institution of higher learning in the state of Pennsylvania. He was essentially progressive and public-spirited, though he never sought or held public office, and his political allegiance was given to the Democratic party. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, as is also his widow, who still resides in the beautiful old homestead and who has long been a popular factor in connection with the principal social activities of her native city. At the inception of the civil war Mr. Irwin showed his loyalty to the cause in which he believed by tendering his services as a soldier of the Confederacy. He enlisted in a Missouri regiment of volunteers and continued in active service during the greater part of the great internecine conflict between the north and the south. He ever maintained a lively interest in his old comrades and signified the same by his membership in the United Confederate Veterans' Association.

On the 3rd of November, 1870, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Irwin to Miss Isabella Goshorn, the nuptial ceremony being performed in the fine old residence in which his widow still resides and in which she was born, the same having been erected nearly a century ago and having been the home of her parents, William S. and Priscilla (Zinn) Goshorn, for many years prior to their death. He died October 23, 1891. William S. Goshorn was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and was a boy at the time of his parents' removal to Wheeling, where he was reared to manhood and where he was engaged in wholesale mercantile operations for many years prior to his death, having been one of the honored and influential citizens of this community. The maiden name of his mother was Mary Farrier and her father was a valiant soldier in the Continental line in the war of the Revolution, by reason of which fact Mrs. Irwin is eligible for and holds membership in the West Virginia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had no children, and Mrs. Irwin has given her maternal affections and solicitous devotion to her nephews and nieces, as well as to her one great-niece. She has been a most gracious chatelaine of the fine old homestead which has even been her place of abode and which has been extensively remodeled since the time of its erection, many years ago. This home is located at 805 Main street and has long been known as a center of refined and unostentatious hospitality of the true southern type.

LUKE GAVIN.—One of the assigned functions of this publication is to give record concerning the representative citizens of the various cities and towns lying in proximity to Wheeling, and under this phase of the work is properly entered brief record concerning Mr. Gavin, who is a prominent factor in connection with the administration of municipal affairs in the city of Bellaire, Ohio, and who is here superintendent of the local freight department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He is a citizen who has ever stood exemplar of the utmost loyalty and public spirit and he has been a resident of Bellaire from his boyhood days and has here been in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad for nearly half a century as a trusted and valued employe in various capacities. His fidelity and efficiency won him promotion through the various grades and finally gained to him his present important office, that of superintendent of the freight department.

Luke Gavin finds satisfaction in reverting to the fair old Emerald Isle as the place of his nativity and to the fact that he is a scion of one of the ancient and sterling families of county Galway, where he was born on the 2d of February, 1848. He was the third in order of birth of the six children of Andrew and Honorah (Lally) Gavin, and of the other children two daughters are now living. Andrew Gavin received a liberal education in his native land and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he severed the ties that bound him to Ireland and immigrated with his family to America after disposing of his property in county Galway. The family landed in New York city and thence came directly to Belmont county, Ohio, where the father turned his attention to the local express business and where both he and his wife continued to reside until their deaths, secure in the high regard of all who knew them, both having been devout and consistent communicants of the Catholic church.

In the schools of his native county Luke Gavin acquired his rudimentary education, and he was about eighteen years of age at the time of the family immigration to the United States. The family settled in

Bellaire, where he has maintained his home during the long intervening years, which have been marked by earnest and worthy industry and definite accomplishment on his part. As a youth he found employment at draying and when he was about twenty years of age he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in a very modest capacity. Honest and capable, he soon won advancement, and he has continued in the service of this great corporation during the long period of forty-six years (1911). He has held his present office, that of freight superintendent, since 1878, and has gained strong hold upon the confidence and esteem of the general public as well as of the officials of the company by which he has so long been employed. He has viewed with gratification the industrial and civic progress of the thriving city that has so long been his home and that was a mere village when he here gained his initial business experience. He has served as treasurer of the Buckeye Savings & Loan Company, of Bellaire, served a term under Major Nicholson as director of Public Safety, was also appointed under Mayor Wassmann, and has acquired valuable real estate in the city. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party and both he and his wife are numbered among the most earnest and zealous communicants of St. John's Catholic church, besides which he holds membership in the Knights of St. John, a Catholic fraternal order.

On May 24, 1872, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gavin to Miss Sarah Ann Madden, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, and reared in Bellaire, and of their four children three are living: John A. died at the age of three years; Mary is the wife of Clarence J. Crawford; William E. is engaged in the transfer business at Bellaire, and Charles L. at his father's death was promoted to superintendent of the freight department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He had been in the employ of the company ten years as his honored father's assistant.

REV. PETER KEMPER.—Father Kemper, pastor of the important parish of St. Alphonsus' church, in the city of Wheeling, has consecrated his life and his fine powers to work in the vineyard of the divine Master, and his labors have not been denied their increase and fruitage, as is emphatically shown in the spiritual and temporal prosperity of his present charge, which is one of the most important in the Catholic diocese of Wheeling. He is one of the valued factors in the work of the church in this diocese and his character and services have gained him the respect and confidence of all classes of citizens, so that he may well feel, in the midst of his earnest and devoted labors, that his "lines are cast in pleasant places."

Father Kemper is of staunch German lineage and claims the fine old Keystone state of the Union as the place of his nativity. He was born in Clearfield township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of December, 1862, and is a son of Joseph and Eva (Kola) Kemper, the former of whom was born in the province of Westphalia, Germany, and the latter in Butler county, Pennsylvania, where the family was founded in an early day. Joseph Kemper was reared and educated in his native land and there learned the trade of saddlery and harness-making. As a young man he severed the gracious ties that bound him to home and fatherland and set forth to seek his fortunes in America. During the Civil war he served as a workman in one of the government arsenals, and for a period of about forty years he was engaged in the harness and saddlery business at Butler, Pennsylvania, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1901, at a venerable age. He was a man of sterling integrity of character and ever held the confidence

and esteem of his fellow men. His first wife, the mother of him whose name initiates this review, died in 1865, and of his ten children all are living except two, the names of the children being here entered in respective order of birth: Bernard, Frank, Mary, Margaret and Andrew (both deceased), Peter, Anna, John, Anthony and Eva. The parents were most devout communicants of the Catholic church, and in its gracious and enduring faith all of the children were carefully reared.

Rev. Peter Kemper gained his preliminary education in the parochial school conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis at Butler, Pennsylvania, and thereafter he served an apprenticeship to the harnessmaking trade, under the effective direction of his honored father. Soon, however, he felt the call of higher duty, and he resolved to prepare himself for the priesthood of the great mother church of all Christendom. With this end in view he entered St. Fidelis College, at Herman, Pennsylvania, where he completed his classical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1883. He then entered the novitiate at Herman, Pennsylvania, and in 1885 entered the seminary at Cumberland, Maryland, in which admirable church institution he completed the prescribed course in philosophy and theology. He was graduated in 1889, and thus proved himself eligible for holy orders. He was ordained to the priesthood in Woodstock church, at Woodstock, Maryland, on the 25th of August, 1889, and he views with marked gratification the fact that his consecration ceremony was performed by that great and noble churchman, His Eminence, James, Cardinal Gibbons. After his ordination Father Kemper was engaged in pastoral work at Cumberland, Maryland, until 1893, when he was assigned to service in St. Alphonsus church, in Wheeling, West Virginia, where he remained one year, after which he was for three years the pastoral incumbent of the church at Canal Dover, Ohio. From that place he was sent to the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained one year as pastor; the following two years were passed at Cumberland, Maryland; and he then returned to Canal Dover, Ohio, where he served one year, at the expiration of which he was again assigned to a charge in Wheeling, where he was assistant priest of St. Alphonsus parish for the ensuing three years. His field of labor was then changed once more to Cumberland, Maryland, where he remained three years, at the expiration of which he returned to Wheeling and assumed, in 1909, his present incumbency, that of pastor of St. Alphonsus church. He is an able executive as well as a true shepherd of his flock, and he is laboring with all zeal and self-abnegation in his present important parish, where he has the affectionate regard of the members of his church, numbering about one thousand four hundred communicants, besides which he holds secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of the community, aside from religious affiliations.

THOMAS McROBERTS is a well known citizen of Wellsburg, where since 1901 he has been superintendent of the plating department of the Eagle Glass & Manufacturing Company. Though one of the most expert at his business, he is the type of citizen whose services to the community are measured by a larger effectiveness than his daily vocation. He has for many years been one of the ablest workers for social uplift, and though the results of such work are not the kind to be described nor are they brought to the attention of the world at large, they are, nevertheless, of a broader value to humanity than the mere conspicuous achievements of business enterprise.

To a sturdy Scotch-Irish ancestry Mr. McRoberts owes many of the qualities which have distinguished his career. His parents were John

and Isabel McRoberts, and he was the fourth of their ten children. His mother was a noble Christian woman who reared him with the spirit and high principles of the Presbyterian faith, and in this church he has been an active member for many years and is a teacher in the Sunday-school at Wellsburg.

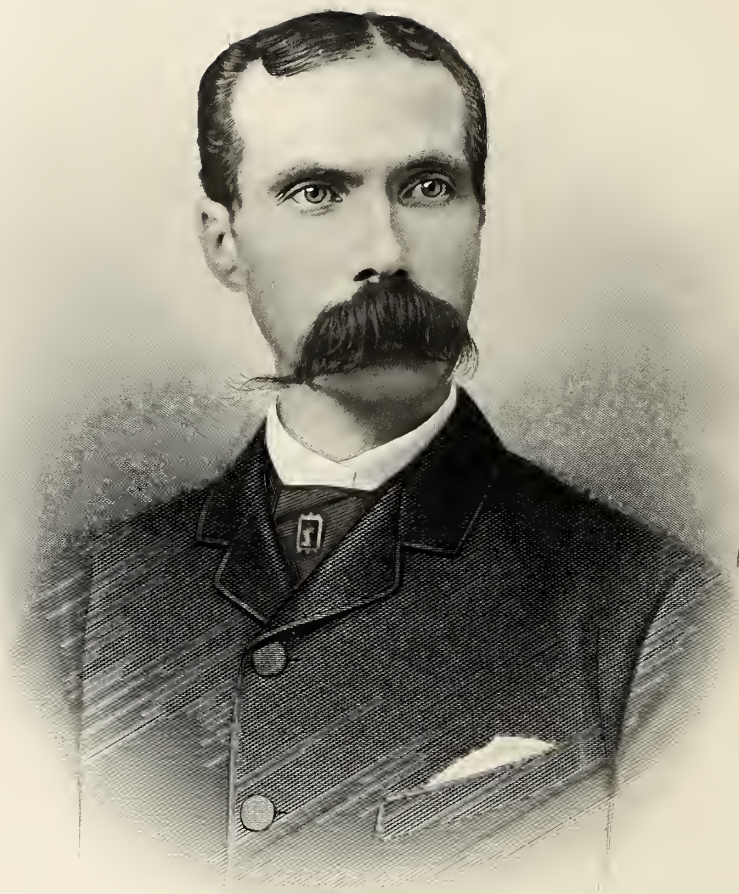
Mr. McRoberts is a native of Pittsburg, where he was born in 1852, and was reared and educated there. He had only a common school education, but he has applied himself to the study of books and men to better advantage than many college graduates. He learned the plating business while with the Griffith Manufacturing Company of Pittsburg, and he was also employed some years with the Westinghouse Electric Company of that city. In 1901 he took his present place as superintendent of the plating department for the Eagle Glass & Manufacturing Company. He has the supervision of about fifty employes, and his expert knowledge and many years of experience are a large factor in the company's success.

About 1892, while a resident of Pittsburg, his attention was called to the conditions surrounding the lives of the masses in the slums of the great manufacturing centers. To illumine the darkness of their lives with the gospel light he prepared himself and went as a self-appointed missionary to preach the salvation tidings to thousands whom the established routine of churches could never reach. His work required courage of the highest degree, and patience and persistent kindness, but he persevered and for a number of years was known as one of the most effective workers in the slums of Pittsburg. At the solicitation of Mr. James Paull he came to Wellsburg and has here continued in the same work of bringing light and inspiration and material aid to those who have no power to lift themselves from their degradation.

In 1876 Mr. McRoberts was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Dugane. Six children were born to them, and the three now living are: Clara; Mary, now Mrs. T. Roberts, and Thomas, Jr.

HENRY RITHNER is one of the well known men in the glass industry of Wellsburg. A large part of the fame and prosperity of this city is due to the glass business, and the Crescent Glass Company, of which he is manager, has gained a noteworthy distinction for the quality of its output. Few men have made a closer study of the art which is the basis of glass manufacture, and his skill and expertness had brought him through the grades of service in the industry to an independent position as a manufacturer. His partner in the business is Mr. Worthen, and the Crescent Glass Company was organized in 1907. They have about eighty employes, and their product consists of colored lanterns; counter tumblers, bar glassware, and gas and electric goods. Both Mr. Worthen and Mr. Rithner are enterprising and progressive men in this business, and at the present writing are preparing, by the purchase of an adjoining plant, to double their force and output.

Mr. Rithner is a native of a country which is noted for its art trades and manufactures. He was born in Switzerland, in 1866, was reared and educated there, and while a youth became acquainted with the processes of glass making. In 1883, at the age of seventeen, he immigrated to America, where he might have better opportunities for a career. In adapting himself to his new environments he had many experiences. In 1885 he located at Reading, Pennsylvania. Though for a number of years his employment was in various lines, the glass industry was uppermost in his mind. In the yard of his home he constructed a miniature glass plant for experimental purposes. He also studied the science of



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chemistry, and finally was master of the processes by which raw commonplace materials may be transformed into the beautiful crystal forms of glass. His superior knowledge gained recognition and for a number of years he has stood high in the ranks of his fellow craftsmen. In 1907 he located in Wellsburg and became identified with his present business.

Mr. Rithner was married in 1888 to Miss Virginia Marschner. They are the parents of two children, Edward and Henry. Socially Mr. Rithner is affiliated with the order of Elks.

WILLIAM LEECE CALLIN, who died at St. Clairsville, Ohio, February 24, 1903, was for many years a well known publisher and business man of Wheeling. He possessed a brilliant mind and the talents which secure recognition everywhere, and his death at a comparatively early age, deprived the social and business community of one of its most capable personal factors.

He was born in Peel, on the Isle of Man, September 22, 1852, and was the son of William and Esther Callin, his father being a seaman and spending many years on the oceans. The late Mr. Callin was reared in his native island, and from an early age showed unusual ability as a scholar. While still in his 'teens he was graduated from an Episcopal school with the highest honors of his class, and was then made an instructor in the school, continuing in this work for four years. He then came to America and located in Wheeling. For a time he was connected with the lumber business here, and in 1877 began his career as a publisher. Before coming to this country he had had some experience in directory work, and in Wheeling for a number of years he was engaged in the compilation and publishing of the city directory. He was also editor of "Great Men of West Virginia," a work that was published complete and with great credit to its compiler.

Mr. Callin was married at St. Clairsville, Ohio, October 26, 1886, to Miss Elizabeth J. Riley, who survives him and now resides on Chapline street and continues the business formerly conducted by her husband.

JOHNSON BROTHERS.—Among the citizens of Wheeling and its vicinity no man or men are better entitled to representation in a work of the nature of this than the Johnson Brothers, who constitute the officers and proprietors of that widely known and important industrial enterprise, the West Wheeling Coal Company. In the legitimate channels of industry and trade these gentlemen have won the success which always crowns well directed labor, sound judgment and untiring perseverance and at the same time they have concerned themselves with the affairs of the community in an admirably public-spirited fashion. The West Wheeling Coal Company is, in truth, one of the enterprises which have contributed in most definite way to the progress and prosperity which have been the lot of the section of the Ohio River Valley in recent times. The officers are as follows: William G. Johnson, president; J. C. Johnson, vice-president; George W. Johnson, secretary; and T. H. Johnson, treasurer and general manager. These four brothers own one hundred and thirty acres of coal, employ sixty-five men and are using the best and most modern appliances in the operation of their mine. Perhaps the coal situation in the United States is known by no one more thoroughly than by the Johnson Brothers, who have devoted their entire lives to this field. They know the coal mining industry from the ground up and this expert knowledge has assisted in giving them their high prestige in the world of trade. Although of English parentage they are loyal and typically American citizens and stand as forces of the most benefi-

cent character. The West Wheeling Coal Company was organized in 1903 and the first shipment of coal was made in 1907.

The Johnson Brothers are sons of Christopher Johnson and his wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Gibson, these worthy people having been natives of England. William G. Johnson, president of the company, is the only one of the four who was born in England. The year of his birth was 1852, three years previous to the decision of his parents to cross the Atlantic to the new world with its much vaunted opportunity and independence. In 1855 the little British family located in New Bedford, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, and in the Keystone state the male members were in course of time very naturally associated with the mining industry. When William G. came to years of strength and usefulness he went to West Middlesex, Mercer county. In 1891 he went to Paris, Stark county, Ohio, where he accepted a position with a mining company and was promoted to the office of foreman. He continued as such until 1898, and then seeing greater opportunity he removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he superintended the laying of track for the mines in that section. In 1899 he removed to Glencoe, Ohio, and accepted the position of foreman with the Glenn Coal Company. Later he took a similar position with the J. C. McKinley Company at Moundsville, and after continuing in that field for a time, in 1903 he came to West Wheeling, Ohio, where success was awaiting him. Here as a member of the West Wheeling Coal Company he is in that more independent position for which his fine executive gifts fit him.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1872, his chosen lady being Miss Jane Jones, of Brookfield, Trumbull county, Ohio. Seven children were born to them, three of whom are alive at the present time, namely: John G.; Eliza, wife of Sylvester Harsh; and Mabel, wife of Robert E. Forest. Mr. Johnson is a popular lodge man, his affiliation extending to the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of Foresters of America.

James C. Johnson, vice-president of the West Wheeling Coal Company, was born at Brookfield, Trumbull county, Ohio, in the year 1867. Since his earliest youth the coal fields have been familiar scenes to him and ever since his years became sufficient he has been employed in some connection with the production of coal, and he has worked valiantly to bring about the success of the enterprise with which his name is connected. He was happily married in 1892, to Miss Rachel Clifton, of Palmyra, Portage county, Ohio, and to their union were born ten children, namely: Margaret, George, William, James, Henry, Belle, Ellen, Hattie, Harold and Hilda, the two latter twins. He finds much pleasure in his association with the Knights of Pythias and is helpfully interested in the many-sided life of the community in which his interests are centered.

George W. Johnson, secretary of the West Wheeling Coal Company, was born in New Bedford, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, in 1857, and is the second in order of birth of the quartet. His career differs from that of his brothers in that he has not always been concerned with mining affairs, but was at first and for some time connected with structural work with the W. H. Brown Company and also with the Hudson Coal Company of Cleveland. He is a bridge carpenter by trade and was in the service of the Lake Shore & Michigan Central Railroad for some time. One of his important achievements was the building of the Glenn Coal Mine tipples at Glencoe, Ohio. His residence in West Wheeling dates only from 1908.

Mr. Johnson assumed the responsibilities of married life in 1879, when Miss Lilly Austin, of Brookfield, Ohio, became his wife. In their

household are the following children: Cora, Minnie L., James A. and Robert E. The subject is a member of the lodge of Knights of Pythias.

Thomas H. Johnson, treasurer and general manager of the West Wheeling Coal Company, was born at West Middlesex, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and is the fifth of the brothers in order of birth, the year of his nativity having been 1865. He has been connected with the output of coal in some way or another since he was a lad nine years of age, miners' sons being early put in the service. His ability was of such order that he advanced steadily and for a time was superintendent of the Johnson Brothers' Coal Company of Pipe Creek, which position he held until 1907, when he assumed his present office.

In 1886 Miss Harriet Small, of Palmyra, Ohio, became his wife, and their union has been blessed by the birth of ten children, nine of whom are living, namely: Emma, wife of Carl H. Eberts; William S.; Lizzie, wife of Stephen Jenkins; Martha; Annie; Thomas; Charles; Albert; Agnes; and Belle, deceased. Mr. Johnson is well and favorably known in fraternal circles. Like his three brothers he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, whose prevailing sentiment is similar to that which characterizes the four brothers; and he is also a member of the time-honored Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The other members of the Johnson family, brothers and sisters of the gentlemen whose names appear in this article, are Robert E., John F., Isabel (deceased, who was the wife of Alfred Crook), Eliza E. (who died in childhood).

JAMES R. PATRICK, a well known citizen of Wellsburg, where he has resided since 1903, is a mining civil engineer whose services have had a large scope of usefulness in this vicinity. His native home was the city of Altoona, Pennsylvania, a center of mining activities, where his early training and experience were acquired, and he thence came to Wellsburg with a high reputation in his profession.

Mr. Patrick was born at Altoona, April 23, 1872. His parents were Andrew and Mary J. (Colburn) Patrick, of that city, where his father was a civil engineer of prominence and had engaged in the practical work of the profession all his active life. There were just two children in the family, the other being a daughter, Elizabeth, who married H. L. Fry and had six children—Margaret, Rachel, Mary, Andrew, Rebecca and Florence (deceased).

After obtaining an education in the public schools of Altoona, J. R. Patrick prepared for the business of life under the instruction of his father, and with his guidance became skilled in contending with all the difficulties and problems of the mining engineer, and has been successful in the profession nearly twenty years.

In 1905 he married Miss Alma Roedell, of West Virginia. They are both popular people of Wellsburg, and their home is blessed with two children, Andrew and J. R., Jr.

H. FRED BEHRENS, president of the Neuralgyline Company, is one of the ablest business men of Wheeling and with his associates directs one of the most important groups of business enterprises in the city.

Mr. Behrens was born in the city of Wheeling, August 4, 1870, a son of H. F. and Marie (Ulrich) Behrens. While a boy he attended the public schools and later graduated from the Washington and Jefferson College with the class of 1891. For the next ten years he was associated with his father in the grocery business. In 1901, with other well-

known business men of Wheeling, he helped to organize the Neuralgyline Company, and has been president of this company from the start.

Mr. Behrens is a director of the Peoples Bank of Wheeling and the South Side Bank of Wheeling. He is a member of the University and Fort Henry Clubs, and in politics is a Republican. He was married, June 23, 1891, to Miss Estella Eckhart, of Wheeling. Their residence is at Woodsdale.

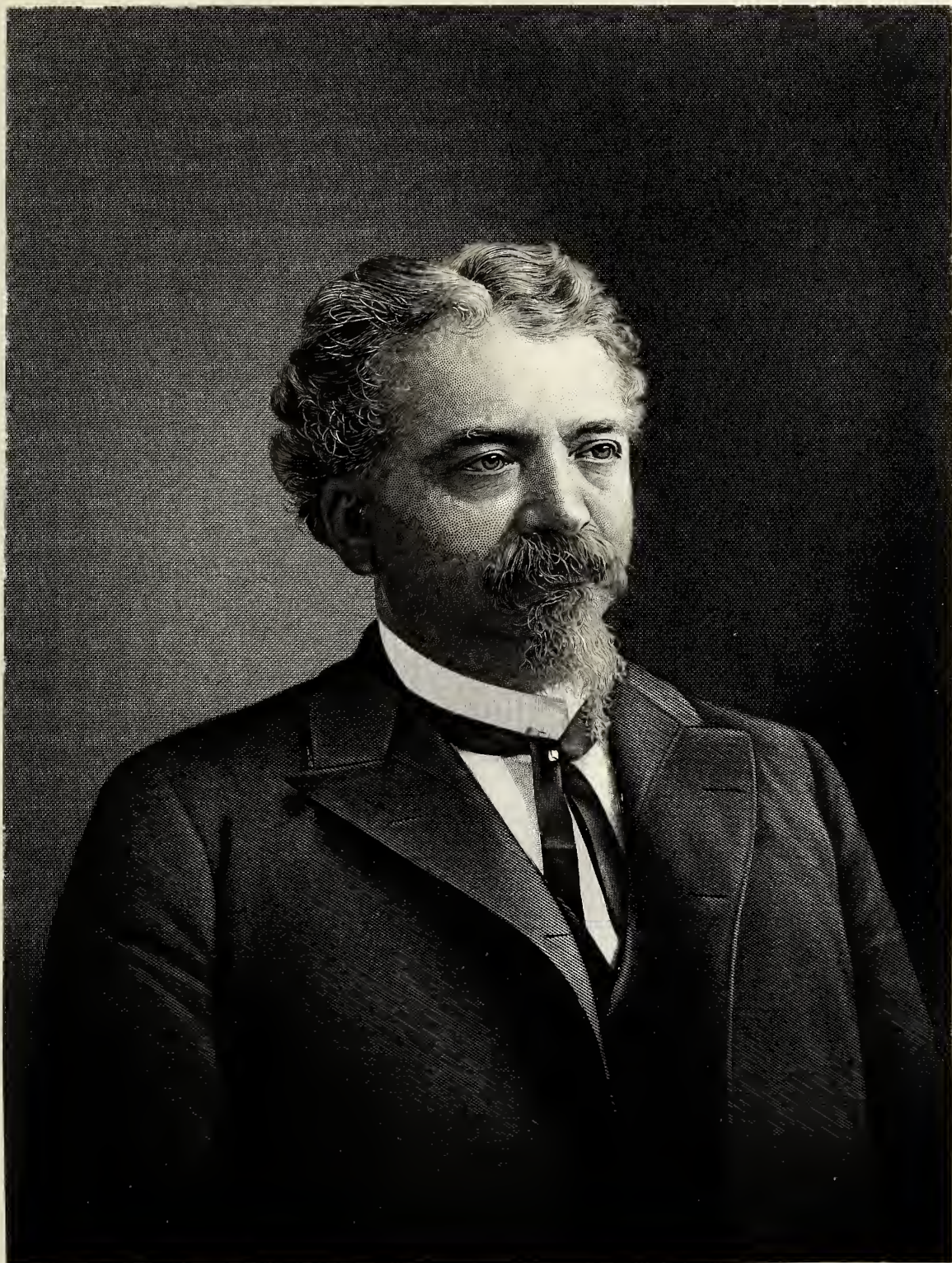
The Neuralgyline Company, of which Mr. Behrens is president and Mr. W. E. Weiss general manager, and with the remarkable business record of which their ability and official activity have been very conspicuously identified, is the largest concern of the kind in the world. It was incorporated under the laws of West Virginia, May 14, 1901. Its authorized capital at the beginning was fifty thousand dollars. The capital stock, all of one class, has been increased to two and a half million dollars, all paid up. The official board consists of the following well-known citizens of Wheeling: H. F. Behrens, president; W. E. Weiss, general manager; A. H. Diebold, secretary and treasurer; and H. G. Stifel, Otto Schenk, F. D. Fredicks and C. A. Aull, directors.

The Neuralgyline Company owns the following properties: The Sterling Remedy Company, the Knowlton Danderine Company, the J. W. James Company, the Neuralgyline Company, the Drake Company and the Pape-Thompson & Pape Company of Cincinnati, all the others except the last named being located in Wheeling. The Sterling Remedy Company manufactures the world-advertised "Cascarets," also No-tobac, Health Gum and Hobb's Asparagus Pills, and besides its plant in Wheeling also has laboratories in Walkerville, Canada, and a distributing agency in England. The Knowlton Danderine Company manufactures "Danderine" and also Danderine Toilet Soap and Knowlton's Massage Cream. This company also has laboratories at Walkerville and in London, England. The J. W. James Company manufactures Dr. James' Miniature Headache Powders, Dr. James' Cough Syrup and a line of household remedies sold throughout the United States. The Neuralgyline Company manufactures Neuralgine. The Drake Company manufactures Drake's Palmetto Compound. The Pape-Thompson & Pape Company, with laboratories in Cincinnati and at Walkerville, Canada, manufactures Pape's Diapepsin, Pape's Diuretic and Pape's Cold Compound.

The management of the various companies controlled by the Neuralgyline Company includes men of long experience in the patent medicine business. All the products manufactured have been on the market a good many years. The persistent demand reinforced by world-wide advertising is indicated in the fact that a million boxes of cascarets are sold each month to the druggists of the United States. The trademarks are copyrighted everywhere, and millions of dollars are spent in advertising.

In its organization, its facilities of manufacture and distribution and the character of its products, the Neuralgyline Company is one of the most notable in Wheeling's commerce.

AUGUSTUS POLLACK, manufacturer, business man and eminent citizen of Wheeling, answered the summons of death on April 23, 1906. To many thousands of people in cities and towns, near and distant, his name has for years been part of the fame of Wheeling as a tobacco manufacturing center, but comparatively few know that the character and services of the man were far greater than his achievement as a manufacturer. He was one of the great men of Wheeling,



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Augustus Pollack

who built the city to enduring prosperity, and whose record will be quoted as long as the city stands.

He was born July 5, 1830, in the beautiful Weser valley of Westphalia, on a country estate near the outskirts of Bunde. His parents were Joseph and Bertha Pollack, and his father was a farmer and an importer and dealer in horses and Holstein cattle. Augustus at the age of fourteen entered the Bunde gymnasium or high school, and at the end of three years' study was apprenticed in the commercial house of Edward Gerson at Soest, his training for a commercial career being in accordance with the methodical and thorough system of Germany in the preparation of its youth for all trades and professions.

The revolutionary condition of Germany in '48 unsettled his plans, and when a position with Hambleton & Sons of Baltimore was offered him he accepted and sailed April 5, 1849, from Bremerhaven in the London bark Margaret, arriving in Baltimore May 18th, of that year. In 1852 he began business for himself in the sale of notions and fancy goods at Baltimore, but at the solicitation of friends removed his business to Wheeling in 1854. In 1859, when the Northwestern Virginia Railroad was completed, he purchased property at Grafton, erected a dwelling and store house, and in connection with the business of the Adams Express Company conducted a general store.

In 1860 he established a wholesale notion house at Wheeling, which was continued until 1871. In the latter year Mr. Pollack founded his cigar and tobacco factory on Water street, where a hundred hands were regularly employed in the manufacture of the "Crown Stogie" cigars, a famous brand which has been approved by smokers of two generations and one of the most widely distributed in sale and use in the world.

In loyalty to his adopted country few native Americans excelled him during the great rebellion. At the outbreak of the war his Grafton buildings were tendered to the government and acknowledged by the Secretary of War in the following letter:

"War Department,
"Washington, June 7, 1861.

"Augustus Pollack, Esq.,
"Wheeling, West Virginia.

"Dear Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ult., addressed to the President and by him referred to this department, tendering the use of your property to the service of the government; and in reply beg leave to return to you the thanks of the department for the patriotic and liberal offer, and would respectfully refer you to the officer in command at or near Grafton,

"Very respectfully,
"SIMON CAMERON,
"Secretary of War."

Impressed with the spirit of loyalty to his adopted government, he encouraged the organization of the first German company of Wheeling volunteers in the Union army; enlisted himself in the Home Guards; contributed liberally of his means to establish a German newspaper in Wheeling called *The Patriot*; was elected president of the company that published it, and did much to encourage loyalty to the government in those dark days in the history of the republic.

He never sought office from popular suffrage, and the only public official position he ever held was that of member of the board of education from the third ward of Wheeling. However, he was for years a leader in every movement that had for its object the development of the

business interests of his city. He was president of the German Bank, director of the Aetna Iron & Nail Company, and director of the German Insurance Company; trustee of the Wheeling Female College, trustee of the Linsly Institute, and president of the West Virginia Tobacco Company.

Mr. Pollack was thoroughly public spirited. He officiated as chairman of the aid movement in behalf of the widows and orphans of German soldiers who were slain during the Franco-Prussian war, and the large contribution forwarded by him November 5, 1870, was acknowledged by Minister George Bancroft at Berlin, who said: "All honor is given here to the generous efforts of the people of Wheeling." Mr. Pollack was elected president of the German Peace Celebration held at Wheeling in 1871.

In 1875-6 he fostered the movement to aid the establishment of the German Seminary at Milwaukee and was elected president of the Wheeling organization. He presided at the Garfield ratification meeting at the Wheeling opera house, July 30, 1880, and was president of the movement that resulted in the mass meeting at the opera house, November 30, 1880, when the Hon. A. W. Campbell was presented with a massive oil painting commemorative of the independent position he took in the Chicago convention of that year. He was elected president of the first Saengerfest celebrated in Wheeling, July 20-23, 1885, and also president of the great trades display of Wheeling, held August 25, 1887. He presided at the German memorial services in Wheeling commemorative of the death of Emperor William, March 22, 1888, and transmitted an engrossed copy of the resolutions adopted to the Court of Berlin.

He was chosen umpire to adjust the differences between the Central Glass Company, and its employes, and as such rendered a decision that attracted general attention and gave satisfaction to all the interests involved by reason of his large and liberal views as to the just understandings that should govern the relations of employers and employes in all industrial establishments. These views were greatly strengthened by the fact that Mr. Pollack's administration of his own business affairs had been exceptionally satisfactory to his employed labor.

Mr. Pollack aided materially in the construction of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis, and the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railways to Wheeling. He accepted with reluctance the unanimous nomination for the position of elector at large on the Harrison and Morton presidential ticket of West Virginia, and contributed materially to the success of the campaign of 1888.

No man in all West Virginia commanded higher respect both from business associates and the working class, and no lingering prejudice overshadowed his confidence in the promise and dignity of progressive tolerance.

On March 31, 1855, Mr. Pollack married Miss Rosalie Weinberg at Baltimore. They were the parents of six daughters and two sons.

P. A. KENNEDY, well known and highly respected in this locality, is connected with one of the most important industrial enterprises of the Ohio river valley, the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, also known as the Aetna Standard Works, and he has been associated with the plant for fourteen years, four years of the time in the capacity of chief clerk. This plant is one of the long established ones of the city, having been put into operation in 1872, nearly forty years ago. Here are manufactured sheet steel, light plates for roofing, water tanks and various light articles too numerous to mention. An idea of the

immensity of this great concern may be gained from the fact that the company employs no less than two thousand men and the plant covers nine acres. In its management has ever been manifest that progressive spirit and those fine honorable business methods which more than anything else give a concern prestige. Mr. Kennedy is at the head of the clerical department, and his services have been of the most faithful and efficient sort, his initiative and executive ability and tireless energy in his department having contributed no small share to the success of the whole.

HENRY M. ROTHERMUND is a prominent business man of Martin's Ferry, and the name has been identified with the enterprise of this city for many years. He was born at Warwick, Belmont county, Ohio, December 17, 1857, and has been a resident of Martin's Ferry since childhood, having received his early education in the public schools of this city.

He is one of a family of five sons and one daughter, four of them now living, whose parents were August and Hannah Rothermund, both now deceased. The father was born in Germany, and for many years was a well-known building contractor of Martin's Ferry.

Mr. Rothermund began his business career along the lines followed by his father, and was engaged in building contracting for a number of years. In the north part of the city he opened a stone quarry, which he discontinued and which produced large quantities of building material for this vicinity. In 1906 he engaged in the lumber business and has one of the largest establishments of the kind in this section of the state. Besides the lumber yard and storage yard, where all kinds of building material are supplied, his shop and mill at the same site turn out window and door frames and all sorts of wood mill work.

His business success has been very materially promoted by his enterprising sons, and the entire family are among the best esteemed people of this city. Mr. Rothermund married Miss Minnie Seabright, daughter of Charles R. Seabright. A native of Germany, her father was one of the early settlers of Martin's Ferry, where only a few houses marked the site when he came. Mr. and Mrs. Rothermund's daughter, Pearl, is the wife of Ross F. Godfrey. The older son, Lewis Carl, is a contractor of Martin's Ferry, representing the third generation of this family in that line of business. Elwood W., the younger son, has charge of his father's shipping department. Their business extends over a large territory about this city and large amounts of their material is shipped out of town.

The family are members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Rothermund is a Democrat in politics.

L. M. MCFANN, who has been a resident of McMechen and an active citizen there since 1893, is a practical railroad man and one of the oldest engineers in the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. His life has been characterized by the eventfulness which is always a part of the railroad train service, in which his efficiency and fidelity are proved by his length of service in what is rightly considered one of the most important responsibilities of the modern era.

Mr. McFann was born in Waynesburg, Greene county, Ohio, March 22, 1860, a son of John and Mary McFann. His father was also for a number of years a railroad man, though in later years he turned his attention to the quieter vocation of farming. The family moved to

Wheeling in 1873. Of the five children three are living, namely: Levi R., Asa and Levi M.

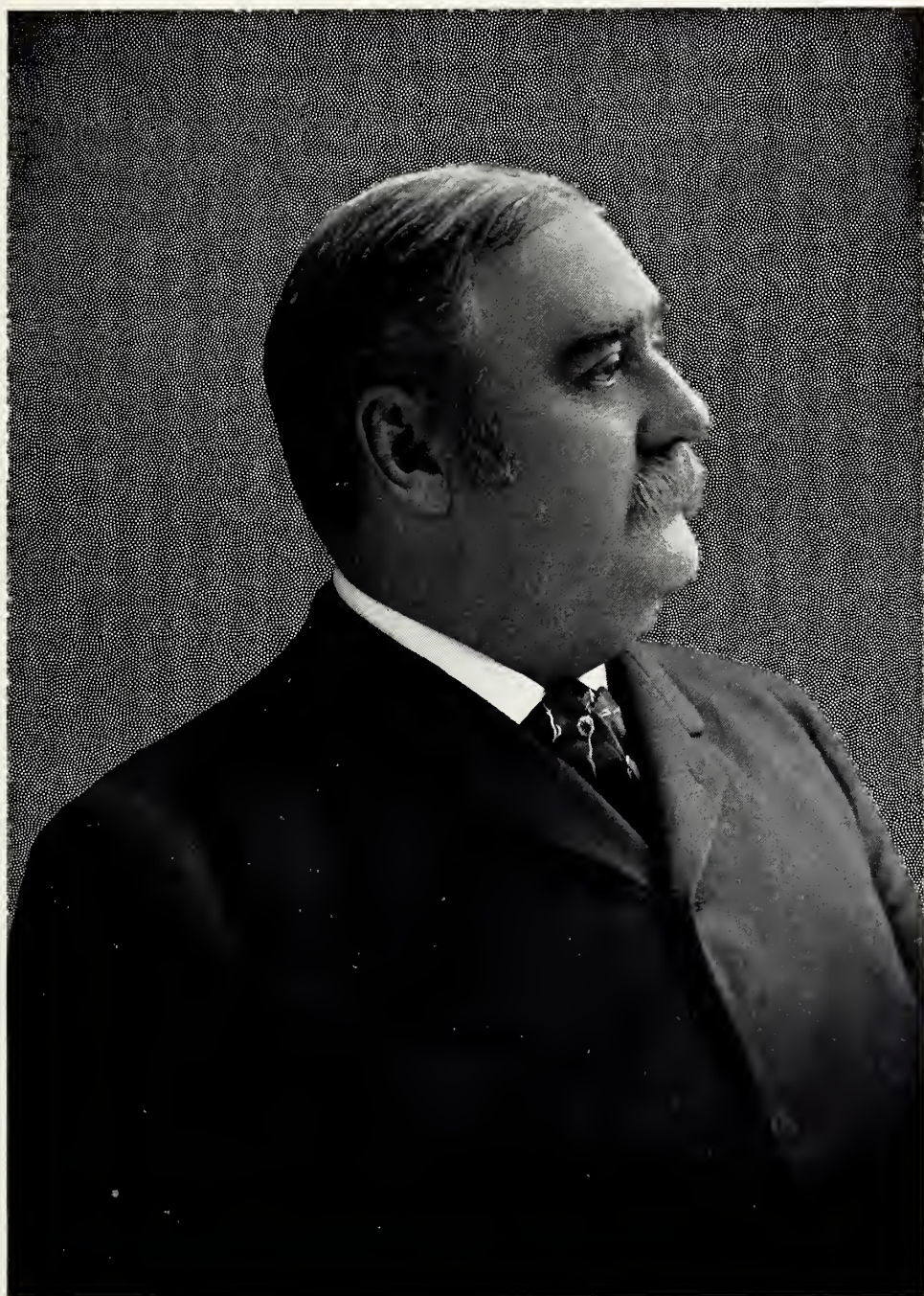
At the age of eighteen Mr. McFann began his career as a track hand in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio. He went through several grades of advancement such as his proficiency and ambition justified, until he was a locomotive fireman, and finally was promoted to the throttle of a passenger engine. He has been one of the most trustworthy engineers of this division for twenty years. In this time many accidents have occurred to the trains which he was pulling, but never through his negligence nor was fault ever imputed to him. Such a long record without serious censure is considered remarkable by those acquainted with the strictness of modern railroad discipline. During the years of his residence in McMechen, though he has never taken active part in politics, he has been a public spirited citizen, and for the past six years has served as a member of the city council. His attractive home is one of the choice residences in the neighborhood, and he and his family have a host of friends in McMechen.

Mr. McFann was married, June 29, 1881, to Miss Elizabeth J. Bogard. Her family were originally Pennsylvanians, but for a number of years have resided in West Virginia. To their marriage seven children have been born, five of whom are living, namely: George; Levi R.; Edith; Edna, who married Mr. Jesse McCracken; and Mary, who married William Brown. Mr. McFann is a member and staff officer of the uniformed rank of the Knights of Pythias.

ASBURY J. CLARKE.—The death of Asbury J. Clarke in 1907 deprived Wheeling of a representative member of the legal profession. Not only was he particularly gifted in the field to which he had devoted his talents, but his memory is also entitled to honor as that of a citizen of high ideals and a generally useful member of society. Of him truly it may be said: "To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die."

Mr. Clarke was born in Highland county, Virginia, on the 14th day of September, 1841, and was the son of James and Mary (Angle) Clarke. James Clarke was a native of Maryland, and when a young man preparing for his life work read medicine, but he eventually abandoned this profession and became a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church. His pastorates were for the most part in the states of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, and he lived to be over seventy years of age. The mother survives and makes her home at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Young Asbury J., being a minister's son, obtained his education in various schools in the towns to which his father's work took him. His higher education was obtained in Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and having come to a conclusion to adopt the law as his profession he prepared for the same at the Albany Law School, New York. He first entered into the active practice of his profession at Morgantown, West Virginia, and after becoming familiar with its details there he came on to Wheeling, where he continued to reside until his untimely death. He was soon accorded recognition as a man of high attainments by both profession and laity and he was known far beyond the limits of the city. Previous to embarking upon his legal work he had some experience as a pedagogue and taught school in Wilmington, Delaware, for a short time. He was for a number of years connected with the Bank of Wheeling, serving as president of the same for many years prior and up to its consolidation with the National Bank of West Virginia. He was also for a number of years associated, as a stockholder



A. M. K.

and director, with the LaBelle Iron works and the Wheeling Steel and Iron Company, continuing until his death. He was a member of the Ohio County and State Bar Associations and was a Republican politically.

Mr. Clarke established an independent household by his marriage on September 17, 1872, his chosen wife being Nannie M. McElhenney, daughter of Samuel F. and Martha M. (Jacob) McElhenney. Their union was celebrated in the town of Lewisburg, and was blessed by the birth of two children: Martha, wife of Dr. William S. Fulton and mother of two children, named Clarke and Nancy McElhenney; and James M., who resides at home. The family are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, with which the father of the deceased was connected, and in which the late Mr. Clarke was a valued and consistent member.

J. DALLAS EWING.—“A truly great life,” says Webster, “when Heaven vouchsafes so rare a gift, is not a temporary flame, burning bright for awhile and then expiring, giving place to returning darkness. It is rather a spark of fervent heat as well as radiant light, with power to enkindle the common mass of human mind; so that when it glimmers in its own decay, and finally goes out in death, no night follows, but it leaves the world all light, all on fire, from the potent contact of its own spirit.” The death of J. Dallas Ewing, long one of Wheeling's most prominent citizens, occurred on the 30th of August, 1898, and his loss was universally mourned throughout this section of West Virginia.

A native of the vicinity of Wheeling, J. Dallas Ewing was born on the 19th of December, 1832, and he was a son of William and Martha (Martin) Ewing, the former of whom was born in 1810 and the latter in 1814. The father was engaged in farming during the greater part of his active career, and he was summoned to eternal rest in 1861, at the age of fifty-one years. The eldest in order of birth in a family of children, J. Dallas Ewing was reared to maturity in this state, and he received his elementary educational training in the public schools. As a young man he was identified with the pedagogic profession for a number of years, but later turned his attention to the study of law. He pursued his studies under the able preceptorship of Judge Wylie Oldham, at Moundsville, West Virginia, and so rapid was his absorption and assimilation of the science of jurisprudence that he was admitted to the bar of the state in 1858. Immediately thereafter he went to New Martinsville, this state, where he engaged in the general practice of his profession and later in the merchandise business. In 1865 he went to Catlettsburg, Kentucky, remaining in that place for a period of two years, at the expiration of which he returned to Moundsville, West Virginia, where he resumed the practice of the law, removing thence to Wheeling, in 1878. Some time after his advent in this city he entered into a law partnership alliance with General T. S. Riley, and for the ensuing twenty years the well-known law firm of Ewing & Riley controlled a splendid law practice. Later the Hon. Thayer Melvin, who had retired from the Circuit bench, was associated with the firm, which for years conducted a law practice under the firm name of Ewing, Melvin & Riley. Mr. Ewing was admirably equipped for the work of his profession and in the same gained a fine reputation.

While not a politician, strictly speaking, Mr. Ewing accorded an uncompromising support to the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor, and his loyalty and public spirit in all matters affecting the progress and improvement of this section of

the state were ever of the most insistent order. In fraternal circles he was a valued and appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic order and in his religious faith was a devout member of the Protestant Episcopal church, in whose faith he reared his children. He was a man of broad human sympathy and great benevolence. Charity in its widest and best sense was practiced by him, and he made smooth the rough way of many a weary traveler on life's journey. In his private life he was distinguished by all that marks the true gentleman. His was a noble character—one that subordinated personal ambition to public good and sought rather the benefit of others than the aggrandizement of self.

On the 1st of May, 1860, Mr. Ewing was united in marriage to Miss Emeline Anderson, who was born in Wetzel county, West Virginia, and who was a daughter of William Anderson, a contractor by occupation and at one time sheriff of his home county. She became the mother of ten children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Effie is the wife of Hon. J. H. Holt, of Huntington, West Virginia, and they have four children, Homer, Dorcas, Helen and Klea; Emma resides at Wheeling; Martha and Rose are deceased; James W. married Elizabeth Johnstone Rogers and is a prominent lawyer at Wheeling, and on other pages of this work appears a sketch dedicated to his career; Robert wedded Letitia Sweeney and they have two children, William and James; Daisy married Herbert McMillan and had one child, Emeline; Fred married Florence Reed and resides at Wheeling; Ethel is the widow of Robert T. DeVries, Jr., of Wheeling; and Genevieve resides at the family home in Leatherwood, a suburb of Wheeling.

SMITH J. SCOTT, a well-known contractor and builder at Wellsburg, has been an enterprising citizen here most of his life, and his work has been of a nature to confer practical benefits on the community. He has had twenty years' experience in his business and is a general contractor, though he gives most of his attention to the erection of dwelling houses.

Mr. Scott was born in Brooke county, West Virginia, in 1876, and the family has been represented here for several generations, his grandfather, John Scott, having been a resident of Wellsburg, but later moved to Ohio. His parents were John H. and Anna (Hagerty) Scott, both natives of Brooke county, where the former was a substantial farmer. There were five children in the family, Jennie, Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas and Smith J.

After attending the common school and obtaining a practical education, Mr. Scott began learning the carpenter's trade at Wellsburg, entering upon this training while a boy. With the exception of four years, 1888-91, spent in Washington county, Pennsylvania, he has been a resident of Wellsburg and vicinity all his life. In his business he has been known for a thorough mastery of his trade and reliable in all his transactions and has a large share of the work done in Wellsburg. During much of the time he employs six or eight men. As a citizen his public spirit has often been of benefit to the community, and he is now serving as a member of the city council. He is a member of the carpenters' union and affiliates with the Knights of Pythias.

He was married to Miss Mary A. Craig, whose father, Jonathan Craig, was a resident of Ohio county, West Virginia. They are parents of one son, Arthur C.



Henry W. Etz

FRANK R. HARRIS.—Among the prosperous and important enterprises of Wheeling's manufacturing district is the Wheeling Metal Manufacturing Company, which was organized in 1904 by Mr. Frank R. Harris, who has since been secretary of the company. The plant is located at Plainfield. It manufactures a large line of metal goods, and its business has been growing rapidly ever since it started. The employes number about one hundred, so that both in its product and its payroll the company is a large contributor to the industrial resources of this vicinity. It is an incorporated company with capital stock of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Its official board consists of the following well-known citizens: J. S. Gibbs, president; O. E. Reid, vice-president; J. J. Beuter, treasurer; and Frank R. Harris, secretary.

The founder of the business, Mr. Harris, has had a long and successful experience in manufacturing. He was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1868, a son of George C. and R. A. (Sloanaker) Harris, natives, respectively, of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. After obtaining his education in the public schools he began his business career in the employ of the Linden Coal & Coke Company at Catawba, West Virginia. A year later he transferred his services to the Wheeling Corrugating Company and was factory superintendent for that concern fifteen years. This experience in metal manufacturing gave him the ability and influence to establish his present company, in the success of which he has had a very prominent part.

Mr. Harris was married in 1890 to Miss Mary C. Myers, of Burton, West Virginia. They are the parents of one child, Gertrude. The family are members of the Methodist church.

HENRY W. ETZ.—The late Henry W. Etz, one of Wheeling's most prominent jewelers and opticians, and as well a most public-spirited citizen, was a descendant of Prussian families and a splendid representative of the Teutonic stock in America. In him were apparent those admirable traits which are characteristic of this nation and which make it one of the country's most valuable sources of immigration. The demise of this gentleman occurred October 12, 1906, and it may truly be said of him:

"The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust."

Henry W. Etz was born on December 29, 1861, in Ohio, the son of Henry and Margaret (Leonhart) Etz. The father was born in Prussia, but like many another young man of his day and generation was attracted by the report of American advantage and opportunity and crossed the Atlantic to claim his share of it. Upon arriving on these shores he came first to Wheeling, West Virginia, and then went on to Marietta, where he married and resided for several years. He was a mechanic by trade.

The immediate subject of this biographical record received his education in the common schools of Marietta, and when he arrived at years of usefulness and discretion, worked with his father and clerked in a dry goods store. When he was eighteen years of age he came to Wheeling and there acquired a training in the jeweler's trade to which he had been drawn by natural inclination. He became a partner with another member of his craft and succeeded sufficiently to earn money to go to school and to become very thoroughly versed in both the jeweler's trade and that of an optician. He pursued the necessary courses in the celebrated school at Poughkeepsie, New York, and was in due time graduated from that institution. Now thoroughly equipped for the inter-

esting work to which he had devoted his abilities, he again entered the store with which he had previously been connected and he there remained until 1896, building up a large and loyal patronage. In the year mentioned, to meet the requirements of his trade he took a new office in the National Exchange Bank Building, and there he continued up to his untimely demise, a period of a decade.

Mr. Etz was twice married, his son, Harold O. Etz, of Wheeling, West Virginia, being the fruit of the first union. On August 23, 1893, he was a second time married, Cecilia F. Nelly, daughter of Fred and Caroline Nelly, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, becoming his wife. No children were born to this union. His devoted wife survives her husband, making her home at the beautiful estate of the deceased, Maplehurst. The handsome residence is surrounded by three acres of land, and from its eminence overlooks all the surrounding country, here being obtained one of the finest views from the hill. Mr. Etz's fraternal association was with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and both he and his estimable wife were members of the Presbyterian church.

JAMES WILLIAM EWING was born at Moundsville, in Marshall county, West Virginia, the date of his nativity being the 25th of October, 1869. He is a son of James Dallas and Emeline (Anderson) Ewing, the former of whom is deceased, having passed to eternal rest in 1898. On other pages of this work is dedicated a sketch to the life and work of the Hon. J. Dallas Ewing, so that further data in connection with the family history is not deemed necessary at this juncture. Suffice it to say that he was a lawyer of prominence and influence at Wheeling, where he commanded the unalloyed confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

After completing the curriculum of the public schools James William Ewing was matriculated as a student in the well-known Linsly Institute, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887. Subsequently he entered the law department of the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville. Immediately after completing his course of study Mr. Ewing initiated the active practice of his profession at Wheeling, where the family home had been established in 1878. He soon succeeded in building up a representative clientage. In politics he is aligned in the ranks of the Democratic party, in the local councils of which he has been active. He is not an office-seeker, but in 1890, before reaching his majority, was honored with appointment to the office of private secretary to Governor Fleming, of West Virginia, serving in that capacity for a period of three years, and in 1908 was complimented with the nomination by the Democratic party for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit.

In the year 1910 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ewing to Miss Elizabeth Johnstone Rogers, a native of Wheeling and a daughter of the late James Patterson Rogers, formerly a lawyer of note at Wheeling. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing have no children.

In the Masonic order Mr. Ewing has passed through the circle of the York Rite branch, being affiliated with Wheeling Lodge, No. 5, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons; Wheeling Union Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; and Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templars. He is also connected with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and holds membership in the Fort Henry Club, the Wheeling Country Club, and the Wheeling Board of Trade. In connection with the work of his profession he is a member of the American Bar Association, the West Virginia State Bar Association, the

Ohio County Bar Association and the Municipal League of Wheeling. In church matters he is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church, being a member of St. Matthew's parish, in which he is vestryman.

W. S. TEEPLE, whose name is known to the glass industry all over the world as a manufacturer and inventor, is a resident and prominent business man of Wellsburg, which city has received the honor of his work. He is the inventor and manufacturer of blowing machines, rotary presses and other machinery used in the making of glassware, and his appliances, secured to him by letters patent, are among the most successful improvements made in recent years. His best-known machine, which he has had on the market for eight years, is a rotary table blowing machine. It is used by foreign as well as American glass manufacturers, and the trade name of Teeple has thus found its way to remote cities and is a synonym of efficiency and latest improvement among glassmakers. Mr. Teeple has been engaged in this business since 1900 and makes a specialty of experimental work. His manufacturing and invention have been confined chiefly to glass-house machinery, but he also does considerable local repairing.

He is a native of Livingston county, New York, where he was born in 1864. His parents, who were substantial farming people, were William and Nancy (Shank) Teeple, both of whom were born in Livingston county, and of their five children Mr. Teeple of this sketch was the second and the only one residing in West Virginia.

His education was obtained in the common schools of his native county, where he lived on his father's farm up to his nineteenth year. He then, in 1883, moved to the great industrial center of Pittsburg, where his mechanical genius had full scope for development. He learned the machinist's trade with the Specialty Manufacturing Company, with which he remained four years. He was then employed by the Hall Steam Pump Company in that city, and finally entered the shops of the Westinghouse Brake Company. He was with that great industry five years, when he entered upon an independent career. In partnership with S. C. Johnson, under the name of Teeple & Johnson, he was in the manufacturing and machine shop business four years, and then became sole proprietor and has since been engaged in the manufacture of the machinery above described.

Mr. Teeple has taken an active interest in the local affairs of his home city, and at the present time represents the third ward in the city council. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and all his family are members of the Presbyterian church. He was married on September 19, 1889, to Miss Adelia Wilson. She was born and reared at Monongahela City, Pennsylvania, her father being John Wilson. They have one son, Harry S. Teeple.

JACOB SCHWINN, M. D., one of the foremost representatives of his profession in West Virginia, was born at Beringen, Switzerland, December 10, 1854. The home of science and the perfection of the medical art is still in Europe, and its ideas and instruction are constantly being imported to America. Many members of the profession in Wheeling are indebted to training abroad, and the thorough ability and scholarship of Dr. Schwinn have the greater prestige because he is a product of the best foreign schools and universities.

At an early age he entered the public schools of Schaffhausen and from them passed to the gymnasium in the same city. His higher edu-

cation was continued in the University of Zurich and the University of Berne in Switzerland, and he was also a student in the world-famous universities of Heidelberg and of Berlin, Germany, and the University of Wuertzburg in Bavaria. In these institutions he came in contact with the most noted professors of the age, under whom his individual talents were developed for the highest usefulness.

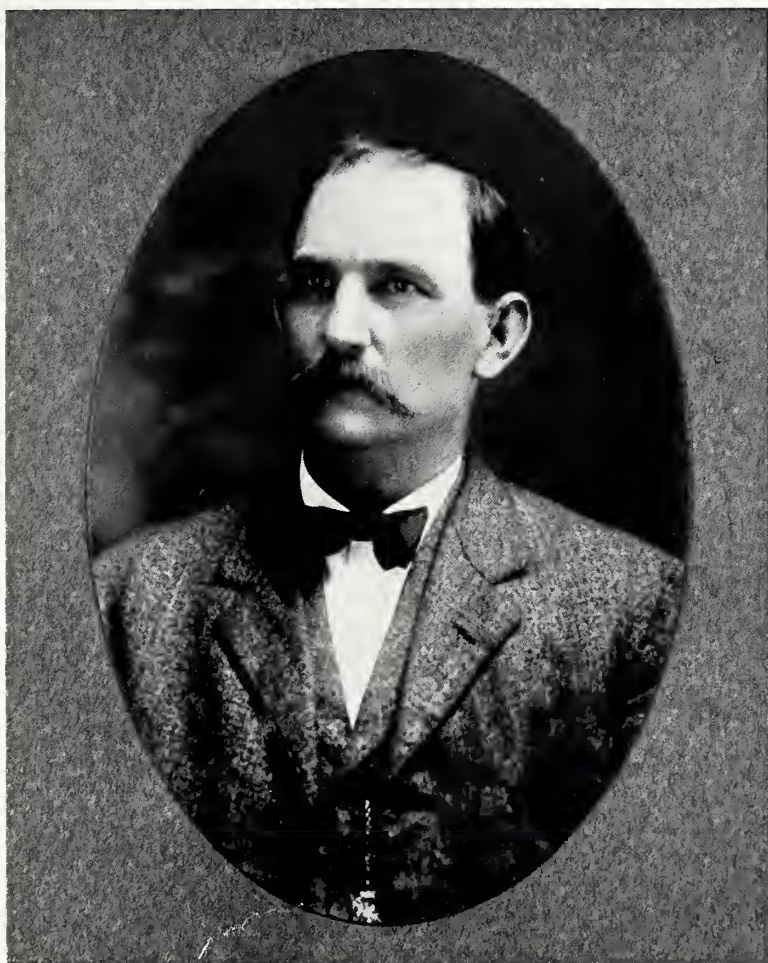
Dr. Schwinn came to America in 1884, and has been prominent as a physician and surgeon ever since locating in Wheeling. Besides a large private practice he is physician for the City Hospital and is examiner for the Equitable Life Insurance Company. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and in religion is Protestant.

Dr. Schwinn married Miss Margaretha Wegmueller, daughter of John and Margaretha Wegmueller, of Switzerland. They have five children: Edwin R., Charles, Helen, Claire Margaret and Rose. Dr. Schwinn's parents were John and Rachel (Bolli) Schwinn, his father a substantial citizen of Switzerland.

J. F. JOHNSON, president and manager of the coal mine which bears his name, is one of the most representative mine operators in this section of the country. He is a self-made man and in making himself he chose a highly esteemed pattern and worked according to the approved rules. There is nothing irregular, questionable or flamboyant about him. He is solid, correct and justly successful.

Mr. Johnson was born November 7, 1860, in Mercer county, Pennsylvania. His parents, Christopher Gray and Eliza Johnson were of English birth and rearing, the father a native of the county of Durham, England, where he was employed in the coal mines of that region and was also an engineer. In 1856 he came to America, settled in West Middlesex, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in the heart of the mining centre of Pennsylvania. There he followed the two callings with which he was familiar, but he never succeeded in making much headway in his occupation.

At the age of seven J. F. Johnson commenced his mining exploits, before the child protective law was in force. The lad, hardly more than a babe, was required to bale water from a coal mine owned by Cleveland capitalists; he then became a trapper, mule driver, rodman, farmer of the mine, blacksmith and finally mine superintendent. It is evident that these promotions were the result of years of toil and the most painstaking endeavors, and when he finally reached the position of superintendent of the mine it might be supposed that the ambition of the still young man was satisfied, but not so; it is true he had reached the top of the ladder he had mounted rung by rung, but he had added more rungs and they were still before him. For a period of five years, however, he took a side trip from his original course—sold and erected machinery for the Robinson Machine Company of Monongahela City, and in 1899 he came to Belmont county to commence operations of his own. He and his brothers leased a mine and began work on a small scale, but from the start his success was assured. The following year, in 1900, he leased the property of Offutt & Hammill in Maryland and opened a pipe creek mine—now known as the Johnson Mine, one of the most steadily operated mines in the state of Ohio. He employs one hundred and eighty-five men and the mine has a capacity of eight hundred tons of coal per day. He has the reputation of being one of the most competent mine operators in the country and in recognition of his signal abilities he was elected by the people to the presidency of the board of service, in which capacity he served two years to the entire satisfaction



J F Johnson

of all concerned. Competent as he is in his own legitimate line, he is equally shrewd in picking up real estate and his opinion on property in this vicinity is regarded as conclusive.

In 1882, two days before Christmas day, while in the act of climbing the ladder of fortune, Mr. Johnson tarried long enough to be united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, who bore him four children: Bessie, the first born, became the wife of J. F. Poorman, publisher and proprietor of the *Belmont County News*, and they have one child, Joseph Johnson Poorman. The son Franklin is in school, and the two deceased, twins, died in infancy. The family are regular attendants of the Episcopal church. During thirty years Mr. Johnson has held membership with the Knights of Pythias, in which order he was introduced in 1881. The duration of his connection with the mines in some sort or other exceeds that by thirteen years, for, incredible as it may seem, considering Mr. Johnson's present age, he has been identified with mining operations for the past forty-three years and may with reason be regarded as an authority on all questions of coal mining. He is a member of the Masonic order, Wier Lodge of Centerville, Ohio, St. Clairsville Chapter, Hope Commandry, Enoch Lodge of Perfection, Franklin Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Columbus Chapter, Rose Croix, Scioto Consistory and also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Bellaire, Ohio. Politically he is a Republican, and for two years was president of the board of Public Service, and at this writing is the party's candidate for mayor. He is president of Belmont County Automobile Association and founder as well as president of the Bellaire Athletic Association.

His property holdings are extensive in Bellaire, all of which he has accumulated through his own efforts.

FRANK M. ROBERTS.—One of the well-managed and substantial enterprises, of the sort which contribute materially to the commercial prestige of the city, is the firm of Roberts & Frederick, druggists, the first-named partner being that well-known and highly respected citizen, Frank M. Roberts, of Bridgeport. Mr. Roberts has been engaged in the drug business since early youth, his identification with the same dating from 1893, and knowing it from Alpha to Omega his success is not difficult of explanation. He has been associated with Louis F. Frederick since 1909. Their commodious place of business on Lincoln Avenue is twenty by sixty feet and is stocked with a most complete assortment of first-class druggist goods, their patronage being of that enthusiastic character which always rewards fine, upright business methods.

Mr. Roberts is a Kansan by birth, his nativity having occurred in Wichita, in the land of continual breezes, on September 9, 1874. His parents were William B. and Anna E. (Worthington) Roberts, both natives of Zanesville, Ohio. The subject is the elder of two children born to this worthy couple, the other being Mabel, who is a resident of Crafton, Pennsylvania, the wife of E. K. Kennedy. Mr. Roberts was reared and educated in that charming and interesting old town upon the Ohio, Zanesville, Ohio, where he made his home with his grandfather, the Rev. Nicholas C. Worthington, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church. When it came to choosing a life work his interest in pharmacy led him to take up its study, and his preparation was sufficiently thorough to make him conversant with all the details of his business. His instructor was James C. Dent. In the early years he was employed by the Scott Lumber Company of Bridgeport and his preparation for pharmacy was subsequent to that.

Mr. Roberts laid the foundation of a happy home and congenial life companionship when on the 28th of December, 1899, he was united in marriage to Nellie E. Frazier, daughter of John W. and Isabel (Purcell) Frazier. Three children are growing up beneath their roof-tree, namely: Margaret, John and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts enjoy the esteem and friendship of many Bridgeport citizens. The subject is a popular lodge man, his affiliation extending to the Martins Ferry lodge of Elks, No. 895, and the Knights of Pythias.

JAMES WEST RALSTON, chief of Martins Ferry volunteer fire department and a coal mine operator, has been prominent in the public and business affairs of this city for many years. He has been a member of the fire department twenty-three years, was captain of Alert Fire Company a number of years, and was advanced to department head when Mr. Long was elected mayor of the city and resigned the office of chief.

Martins Ferry has a model water service and fire protection, the best proof of which is that the insurance rates are among the lowest to be found in any city of this size in the country. There are one hundred and sixty fire hydrants, twenty-three miles of water mains, and four fire companies, consisting of one hook and ladder company and three hose companies. James Freeman is captain of Vigilant Company, in the first ward, and they have an auto truck and a company of eighteen men. The Alert Company, of which Harry Grayson is now captain, has eighteen men and a thousand feet of hose. Liberty Company, No. 3, Captain Robert Reese, is in the fourth ward, and has an auto truck, with six hundred feet of hose and twenty men. The Hook and Ladder Company consists of ten men, Jess Bayless captain, and carries two hundred feet of ladders. Under Chief Ralston during the past year the department responded to thirty-three alarms, and the total loss on the eighty-five thousand dollars' worth of property endangered was only forty-six hundred dollars. Under Mr. Ralston's administration one of the important improvements in the department has been the introduction of the shut-off nozzle instead of the old open nozzle. A large dependence is also placed on the chemical extinguishers.

Mr. Ralston was born in Martins Ferry, November 13, 1870, a son of Anderson and Catherine Ralston. His mother was a native of Ireland and his father represented an old family of this section, and for a number of years was foreman in the old Spence Threshing Machine Company's plant. Mr. Ralston was reared in his native town, educated in the public schools, and then learned the machinist's trade. For the past six years he has been engaged in the operation of the Sheets coal mine at the head of Jefferson street, on land between the old Noah Zane and the McSowards place. A hundred and forty acres are included in the tract, and the mine has been in operation for the last fifteen years and about fourteen men are employed. The mine was opened and operated for some years by Mr. Ralston's father-in-law, whose death occurred six years ago. Mathias Sheets was for many years a traveling salesman as well as a coal operator and a well-known citizen here. His daughter Jessica married Mr. Ralston, and they have two children, Rowland and Jessica.

Mr. Ralston's public life also includes a number of years as member of the board of public service. Fraternally he is a member of the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.



OWEN MEEHAN

The fire department pension fund of Martins Ferry is supported by the members, each of whom contributes one dollar a year, and each member when sick gets a dollar a day from the fund. The fund now amounts to twelve hundred dollars and draws interest. The city supplies all the apparatus and also furnishes one hundred and fifty dollars for the up-keep of the equipment each year.

EARL MCCONNAUGHY.—The mining industry in this part of the country being of so great importance, many men of unusual executive ability are called into requisition in the higher offices, and prominent among these is Earl McConnaughy, superintendent of the Kirkwood Mine of the Hutchinson Coal Company, whose headquarters are in Bridgeport, Ohio. This mine was opened by the members of the present firm in 1903, but under the name of the Moores Run Coal Company, the present company being organized in 1910. The company owns at the mine about six hundred acres of coal and employs two hundred and seventy men, their shipments extending as far as the state of Michigan. They also maintain a coaling station, by which they coal the engines of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Mr. McConnaughy has held his present office with the company since the year 1908, and he was previously assistant superintendent, which office he has held for three years. He started in as a bookkeeper, but as soon as the company discovered his true worth promotions came quickly.

It was one of the favorite witticisms of Chauncey Depew that "Some men achieve greatness, some have greatness thrust upon them, and some are born in Ohio." The latter is true of the subject, his entry upon this mundane sphere having occurred at Bridgeport on June 19, 1877. He is the son of Howell and Sophia (Heneka) McConnaughy, the former a native of Bridgeport, Ohio, and the mother, of Wheeling, West Virginia. In adopting the coal business as his occupation, the immediate subject is following in the paternal footsteps, for his father in the early years of his career was engaged in the same. Then for a time he devoted himself and his energies to the grocery business and, although he achieved success in this field, he finally turned back to coal again. He and his wife reared four children, Earl being the eldest and the other members of the family being Arthur, Fred and Nellie, the latter of whom is the wife of Charles Adams.

Mr. McConnaughy was reared and educated in Bridgeport, which is dear to him by many ties of association, and his early life has been somewhat uneventful, being devoted to clerical work. However, may it not be said of an individual as of a country, "Happy is the land which has no history." His has been the pleasant uneventfulness which is the fruit of right living and good citizenship. He is Republican in politics and has been assessor of his native town for one year.

On the 5th day of April, 1900, Mr. McConnaughy was happily married, his chosen lady being Miss Lucy Hill, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Leach) Hill, both natives of England.

OWEN MEEHAN is a retired coal operator and present resident of Bellaire. The word "retired" conveys a world of meaning; it indicates that Mr. Meehan had become proficient in his line of work and it also signifies that he succeeded in making money, which indeed is the natural outcome of his proficiency. He has had vast and varied experience, not only in various branches of the mining business, but also was employed as a farmer, a locomotive engineer and a contractor. He is now enjoying a well-earned rest after the active life that he has led.

Ireland was the birth place of Owen Meehan and March 20, 1834, the date of his nativity. His parents, Owen and Mary (Finnegan) Meehan, were life-long residents of the Emerald Isle and there he himself was educated. When he had attained his fifteenth year he left his home and country, took passage for the United States and landed in New York. He gained employment with farmers of that state; later made his way to Maryland, where he learned to become a locomotive engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. For a time he worked with an uncle, a contractor of some reputation. Then again he was connected with the railroad, but in another capacity. He entered the service of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which corporation sent him out to test coal in their different holdings, and he was required to report to his superintendent. In 1866 he went into the coal business in partnership with another man, and he continued to be identified with coal and mining interests up to the time of his retirement in 1902. He was for twenty years president of the Bellaire Electric Light and Power Company and he was a charter member of the old Gas Company which the former succeeded. He resigned in 1908.

When a young man Mr. Meehan married Miss Margaret Douglas, daughter of Andrew and Eliza Tate Douglas, both residents of Belmont county, where their daughter Margaret was born. Mr. and Mrs. Meehan became the parents of eight children, five of whom are living: Minerva, James E., Mary, Etta and Helen. The family attend the St. John's Catholic church, where they are held in high esteem. Mr. Meehan has never cared for political or other public honors, but in 1879 he was elected to the office of County Commissioner, which position he held seven years, and during his regime the county court house and the Children's Home were built. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations and his first vote was cast for James Buchanan. He has contented himself in the main with his business and his family and both have proved a source of satisfaction to him.

LEO HUTH, M. D.—No learned profession demands so much of its members as that of medicine. The conscientious physician of to-day has little rest, as when he is not ministering to the sick he must spend a great deal of time reading along the lines of his profession to keep in touch with recent discoveries and theories. Those in general practice have to give more of themselves to their work than those who confine themselves to specialties or to office consultations, as regardless of weather they must fare forth to give their attention to those who need their care. The cities and villages of West Virginia know many of these self-sacrificing men, who regard their work as a sacred duty, and none enjoys a larger amount of good will than Dr. Leo Huth, of Follansbee. Dr. Huth was born September 29, 1878, in Fostoria, Seneca county, Ohio, the fourth in order of birth of the nine children born to George and Eva (Portz) Huth, of Fostoria. Their nine children are: Charles, Anna, Robert, Leo, Jerome, Frances, Ross, Benjamin and Pluma.

Dr. Huth was educated in the common and high schools of Fostoria, later taking a literary course in the Fostoria Academy and a scientific course in the Northern Indiana University, after which he entered the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was graduated therefrom in 1907 and from the University of Maryland in 1901. During the Spanish-American War he entered the United States service as assistant steward in the One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was later transferred to the hospital

ship "Olivetta," but was subsequently sent back to his regiment, which was at that time located in Florida. On his return to civil life he entered the office of Dr. Leonard Eskey, at Benwood, West Virginia, where he remained from 1901 until 1904, during which time he was surgeon in the emergency hospital, and in September of the latter year he located in Follansbee and opened offices on Main street, where he has since been in active practice. While still in the prime of manhood Dr. Huth has attained an enviable position in his profession, and he has friends throughout Brooke county. He is a close student, a skilled physician and surgeon, and it is rare indeed that his care fails in rendering benefit. The services of such a man are a valuable boon to any community, and the people of Follansbee have manifested their appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Huth in choosing their city as his field of practice by electing him to the office of health officer and medical inspector of the Follansbee schools, in which capacity he is now serving.

Dr. Huth was married May 12, 1901, to Miss Nellie Grooms, the daughter of James and Catherine Grooms, and to this union there have been born three children, as follows: Mabel, deceased, who was born in 1902; Ralph, who was born March 23, 1903; and George, born December 21, 1907, who died in October, 1908. Mrs. Huth was born in Bellaire, Ohio, in 1880. Dr. Huth is a popular member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, the Order of Eagles and the Protective Home Circle.

CHARLES H. WATKINS, JR.—The president and manager of the Palace Furniture Company is entitled to specific recognition in this publication by reason of his high standing as one of the representative citizens and progressive business men of Wheeling and as one who served as a member of the first branch of the city council.

Charles Hamilton Watkins, Jr., was born on Wheeling Island, in the Ohio river, one of the attractive residence districts of Wheeling, on the 7th of March, 1871, and is a son of Charles Hamilton Watkins and Rachel Ann (Marsh) Watkins. He is indebted to the public schools of Wheeling for his early educational discipline, and in January, 1888, when about seventeen years of age, he secured a clerical position in the wholesale dry goods establishment of L. S. Delaplaine, Son & Company, with which concern he remained until July, 1889, after which he was bookkeeper for J. W. Hunter, a leading merchant of Wheeling, until January, 1896, when he became secretary of the firm of Exley, Watkins & Company. In January, 1901, he engaged in the furniture business in an independent way, as executive head of the firm of C. H. Watkins, Jr., & Company, and amplification of the enterprise was later made and the company reorganized as the Palace Furniture Company, consolidating the two companies, of which consolidation he has been president and manager since January, 1893. The concern has a large and well equipped establishment, metropolitan in its facilities and appointments, and the same controls a large and substantial trade of thoroughly representative order. Mr. Watkins is a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade, the Wheeling Business Men's Association and the Wheeling Playgrounds Association. He is alert, loyal and public-spirited as a citizen, is a stalwart in the local camp of the Republican party, and from 1904 to 1908 he was a member of the state central committee of the "Grand Old Party" in West Virginia. He has been a member of the State Board of Embalmers since 1905 and was its president from 1906 to 1910. From 1904 to 1906 Mr. Watkins was a member of the

second branch of the City Council, and from that time served as a member of the first or upper branch until July 1, 1911, when his term expired. He is affiliated with the local organizations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Thomson Methodist Episcopal church.

On the 18th of September, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Watkins to Miss Annie May Sadler, daughter of William H. and Margaret (Ford) Sadler, of Wheeling, the father having been formerly and for many years identified with steamboat navigation interests on the Ohio river. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have four children, namely: Mifflin Marsh, James Hunter, Roy Naylor and Dorothy.

THOMAS W. KELLY is one of the energetic and progressive citizens of Wellsburg, where he has conducted a large contracting business since 1904. Although he lived in various localities until 1904, he was born in Brooke county, July 7, 1870, and by a career of industry and worthy business success has attained a place of substantial regard in the community.

He was reared on his father's farm, attending the common schools, and at the age of seventeen began his active career. He was employed in a glass factory and various other lines of work for several years, but in 1904, with his accumulated experience and skill, began the contracting and building business, in which his success has met his most sanguine expectations.

Mr. Kelly is a son of McKendry and Margaret (Winters) Kelly, the former a native of Brooke county, and the latter of Jefferson county, Ohio. His father was a farmer whose thrift and industry earned him substantial material rewards. Of the six children Thomas was the oldest, the others being William, Drucilla, Harry M., Stella and Howard.

On September 20, 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary McGough, daughter of William and Sarah McGough. They became the parents of three children: Wilbur M., Mary E. and an infant deceased. The family are esteemed members of the Presbyterian church of Wellsburg and Mr. Kelly affiliates with the Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN M. BIRCH.—The late Professor John M. Birch was an educator of very high reputation, a business man of ability, a diplomat, and one of the most versatile and strongest characters whose activities and progressive influences have been made a part of the splendid growth of Wheeling. He was a Pennsylvanian, born at Claysville, on the 7th of July, 1851, and his death occurred shortly before his sixtieth birthday, May 13, 1911. The deceased was the son of John and Harriet (Reed) Birch, the father being a tanner who transferred his business from Shipensburg to Claysville and made such a success of it that he retired many years before his death. He was sturdy, industrious, intelligent and popular and so impressed his associates with his personality that he was sent to the state legislature, where he served his constituents honestly and ably. The old-world family stock is of the yeoman English brand.

John M. Birch commenced his education in the public schools of Claysville, and continued it through the higher courses at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania, and at Lafayette College, Easton, same state. He finally graduated at Washington and Jefferson College in 1872, and not long afterward located at Wheeling to.



John M. Birch

take charge of the Linsly Institute. His management of that institution brought him so favorably before the public that, within a few years after assuming its principalship he was elected superintendent of the Wheeling common schools. His next public preferment was of a national character, being represented by the consulate to Nagasaki, Japan, one of the great business and industrial centers of the Island Kingdom. Professor Birch amply discharged the duties of that position, which required so much diplomacy as well as commercial and financial knowledge, for a period of five years, covering one of Cleveland's administrations and one year of Harrison's.

Professor Birch's career in the consular service was terminated by a cablegram from the management of Linsly Institute offering him his old position at its head. His acceptance was also by cable and he was soon on his way across the Pacific and toward Wheeling. A thorough scholar, he also possessed a rare ability in the management of practical affairs, and his mind even craved a field broader than he could find in connection with the Linsly Institute. In 1899 he therefore resigned his place as its president and became a dealer in coal lands. After a time the scholar and educator in him triumphed, and he returned to the Institute, which he was energetically and wisely guiding when death made, as it seemed, an untimely call upon him.

Professor Birch was a member of St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal church, of Wheeling, and it should be readily inferred from the foregoing statements that he was a man of broad culture, high character and lofty ambitions. His daily living and the upward trend of his entire life amply justified the attainment of his eminence in Masonry, the Thirty-third degree having been taken at Washington, D. C., in 1895. He died without children to mourn his departure; his bereaved widow (he was married August 8, 1900) was formerly Miss Martha J. Bailey, daughter of William and Mary B. (McCollough) Bailey, the family being widely known and honored in Wheeling.

HEYWARD LONG, mayor of Martins Ferry, is one of the leading young business men and has been closely identified with the public and commercial affairs of this city. When recently there was need for a man of practical experience in municipal affairs and one whose business record assured him the confidence of the citizens, Mr. Long was the choice for the chief executive of Martins Ferry, and was elected to the office in January, 1910. He has proved an efficient mayor, and is a vigorous worker for the continued upbuilding and improvement of this city.

Mr. Long was born in Martins Ferry, March 24, 1870. His parents, Conrad and Catherine Long, have lived here many years, and the former was a long time actively engaged in the hardware business. One of the ancestors of the present mayor, his great-grandmother, was the courageous pioneer woman, Betty Zane, who carried powder in her apron at the time old Fort Henry was besieged by the Indians and British. Conrad and Catherine Long have six children: Capitola, wife of Harry Eberline, of Bellaire; Charles B.; Heyward; Eloise; Pauline, wife of Jerry Burton, of Martins Ferry; and Elizabeth Zane, wife of Eugene McCullough.

After completing a substantial education in the public schools Heyward Long began his business career in the hardware store of his father. For a number of years he has been an independent merchant and has one of the leading hardware stores of Martins Ferry. In 1902 he was appointed chief of the fire department, and after eight years of capable

service was chosen to the principal post of honor and responsibility in the city.

Mr. Long is a Mason and belongs to Hope Commandery, Knights Templar, of that body and is a Shriner. He is also secretary of the Elks Lodge of Martins Ferry and a member of the Knights of Pythias. His politics are Republican.

On May 14, 1894, he married Miss Rosa Gordon, daughter of Frank and Sarah (Bricker) Gordon, of Greggsville, West Virginia. Their children are Edna, Lillian, Josephine, Jean, Heyward, Jr., and Rosa.

GEORGE M. KOEHNLINE.—One of those thriving and well-managed industries which add in material fashion to the general prosperity and commercial prestige of Bridgeport is the Koehnline Coal and Ice Company, of which firm George M. Koehnline is a member. His connection with this important concern has given him an opportunity to display sound judgment and unusual executive capacity, and in addition to his standing as a business man he is accounted a good citizen, there being nothing of public interest in Bridgeport in which he is not helpfully interested. The present company has been in operation since 1892 and in its existence of nearly a score of years, has experienced steady growth in plant and patronage. They own their own mine and supply all local trade, while their ice is manufactured from distilled water and the plant has a capacity of thirty tons per twenty-four hours. They have a thirty-ton Arctic engine and all the apparatus evolved by modern inventiveness. The Koehnline Company runs six ice wagons and employs about twenty hands, their product being highly esteemed wherever it is used. They are particularly fortunate in the ownership of two drilled wells of a depth of one hundred and fifty feet, which gives them an inexhaustible supply of the very best water. The company is composed entirely of the Koehnline heirs and its personnel is as follows: George M. Koehnline; James A.; Thomas B.; Harrison; Kate, and Mrs. J. Dillon.

Mr. Koehnline is a native son of Bridgeport, his birth having occurred within its pleasant limits on the 11th of August, 1875. He is a son of John J. and Mary A. Koehnline, both natives of the state of West Virginia. In an early day they removed to this city and the father, who was engaged in the ice and coal business, came to occupy an important place in its business life. Eight children came to bless the home of these admirable citizens, of which number six are living at the present time and named above as members of the Koehnline Coal and Ice Company. The sons and daughters are following in the paternal footsteps, for Mr. John J. Koehnline was from his young manhood interested in the coal business and in company with his brother William handled coal and natural ice for many years. He died in 1902, and was survived by his devoted wife for a comparatively short time only, her demise occurring in 1905. Bridgeport honors his memory as a citizen of fine ideals and the founder of one of the important industrial enterprises that have contributed so materially to the commercial prestige of the city.

On the 31st day of December, 1902, Mr. Koehnline became a recruit to the ranks of the Benedicts, the young woman to become his wife and the mistress of his household being Miss Carrie Wassman, daughter of Fred and Caroline Wassman. Mrs. Koehnline was born in Bellaire, Ohio. They share their hospitable and attractive home with one son, Morgan, born March 14, 1904. Mr. Koehnline, in addition to the business noted, has other interests of large scope and importance,

being general manager of the Pittsburg-Bartow Mining Company, the mine of the same being situated in the state of Georgia and being an excellent producer of iron ore. He gives heart and hand to the men and measures of the Republican party and has taken considerable interest in public affairs, having been councilman of Bridgeport for the past seven years.

JOHN C. HAYNE, a successful business man of Martins Ferry, is director of the department of public service, and in this capacity his work is of direct benefit to every citizen of Martins Ferry. The jurisdiction of his department includes the lighting of the streets and the entire electrical department, the care of the cemetery, the engineering service, the supervision of the streets and all public improvements, the water department, which includes the village of Bridgeport, and all contracts and the disbursements of moneys are made through his department.

The business career of Mr. Hayne has fitted him for the highest efficiency in this public work, and there was a general approval of his choice when Mayor Long appointed him to this office on January 1, 1910. A native of Martins Ferry, Mr. Hayne was born July 15, 1858, a son of William and Susan (Ralston) Hayne. The paternal ancestry was French, and the family were among the earliest settlers of Jefferson county, Ohio, where grandfather Hayne located after the war of the Revolution, and some of the land that was taken up by him is still in the possession of the family, owned by virtue of the original title deed of the Government. On the old homestead in Jefferson county William Hayne was born in 1807, being the oldest of a family of thirteen children, eleven of whom were boys, and only one of them now living, Thomas A. Hayne, of Ida Grove, Iowa. William Hayne was a carpenter and contractor for many years in Martins Ferry.

Mr. John C. Hayne received his education in the public schools of his native city, and began his career in 1878, in the employ of E. J. Hoyle & Brothers in the threshing machine business, being in that work until 1881. By trade he is a millwright and mill builder, and has a record of extensive service in this business. When the Laughlin Tin Mill was burned in the fall of 1881 he helped rebuild it. Following this he helped build the Mingo Junction tin plant, and later was constructor of the Brilliant Iron and Nail plant at Brilliant, Ohio. On his return to Martins Ferry he became millwright for the Laughlin Nail Company and the Standard Steel and Nail Company, and built the tin mill for the former corporation in 1895. At Anderson, Indiana, the Miller & Gottschalk glass factory was built by Mr. Hayne, who also superintended the removal of the A. L. Wetherald mill from Findlay, Ohio, to Frankton, Indiana. In 1897 Mr. Hayne engaged in the plumbing business at Martins Ferry and has built up a large and successful trade.

Mr. Hayne and his sister, Jessie, the wife of Samuel Young, of this city, are the only living children of their parents' family of nine. Mr. Hayne married Miss Matilda Rentsch, daughter of Daniel Rentsch, of German ancestry, who located at Martins Ferry during the '60s. Mr. and Mrs. Hayne have five children: Olive, wife of Carl Nohl, of Canton, Ohio; Wilbur, who is associated with his father in the plumbing business; Harry M., who died when a promising youth of eighteen; Isabel and John C., Jr., at home. Mrs. Hayne is a Methodist, and her husband is affiliated with the Elks, Masons and Knights of Pythias, and in politics is a Republican.

ARCHIBALD WOODS.—There is scarcely a person living in the vicinity of Wheeling today who does not know the name of Woods and very few who are not acquainted in some wise with Mr. Woods himself, the retired farmer living in the beautiful suburb of Woodsdale. In certain German universities if they want to call a boy by a name that expresses stupidity they term him a grocer. In American cities, years ago, to call a man a farmer was to imply that he was easy, poor in purse and meagre in brains (although many of the agriculturists even then were college bred). Within the last few years, however, this attitude has been changed, the word farmer as a term of disrespect has gone out of use. Only a hobo now scorns a farmer and this is because the farmer wants to set him to work. The advancing price of food has raised the status of the farmer from one of opprobrium to that of envy; to own a piece of land and till it successfully and well are things of which to be proud and have come to be recognized as such.

Mr. Woods is the son of John and Ruth (Jacobs) Woods and the grandson of Archibald Woods who came from Virginia early in the eighteenth century. Grandfather Woods acquired a quarter section of land from the United States government; on this land he built the home which, although today over one hundred and ten years old, is still one of the finest in the suburb in which it is situated—that of Woodsdale, named in honor of the family of Woods. The house which Archibald Woods erected was at that time the only residence in that locality and on the death of grandfather Woods, his son Hamilton fell heir to the old home and at his death his son John (father of the present Archibald Woods) inherited the estate. The subject of this biography was born near Short Creek, about three miles from the old homestead, on the 9th day of December, 1849, and he came to his present home when about six years of age. When old enough to attend school he entered the little district school in the neighborhood, and after he had acquired such rudimentary knowledge as was procurable in the country school he entered the Linsly Institute, a private school in Wheeling, from which he was graduated. Desirous of becoming thoroughly equipped for the agricultural work in which he proposed to engage, he next entered Washington College, where he took the scientific course, and on its completion he returned to his home to farm. There he has remained ever since, his farm machinery being up-to-date and his whole land cultivated according to the most modern methods. The Woods family owns about one hundred acres of land in and around the old homestead, and of this about seven acres belong to the original home of the first Archibald. The house stands in the midst of a large orchard and there Mr. Woods lives, within easy access of Wheeling, which is only two and a half miles distant.

He was married in 1905 to Miss Rebecca L. Morgan, a native of Ohio county, West Virginia. Three children now gladden this beautiful home by their sunshiny lives—Ruth Anne, Elizabeth and Martha. The family attends the Presbyterian church. Mr. Woods belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

EZEKIEL KELLER, of McMechen, is a well-known contractor and builder and has been one of the progressive citizens of the town since 1896. He was born in Braxton county, West Virginia, in 1866, and when a year old his parents moved to Marshall county. He is the son of John W. and Anna E. Keller, his father having successfully followed the business of farming throughout his active career. There were six children, and the three now living are Almeda, Jennie and the subject of this sketch.



Archibald Woods

Mr. Keller was reared and educated in Marshall county, and began the building trade when a young man. A skillful mastery of his trade and a reliable industry in all his work laid the basis of his success, and from a modest beginning when he had only his hands for capital he has attained that position of respect in the community which is only accorded to those who have substantial achievements behind them. Many of the principal buildings in McMechen are the product of his skill, among which might be mentioned the Tenth Street church and the Fisher building. He also owns two fine residences, both of which were constructed by him.

His citizenship has been honored with places of trust in the city. He served as a member of the first council, and was elected mayor of the city in 1903. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On April 27, 1890, Mr. Keller married Miss Susan McClannahan, a daughter of James B. and Margaretta (Criswall) McClannahan, and their married life has been a happy one. Seven children were born to them: Lottie, the eldest, is employed in the census office at Washington; Helen; Harold, deceased; Eugene; Arthur, Margueretta, and Frances Louise. The political affiliations of Mr. Keller are with the Republican party.

LOUIS A. DILLER, secretary and manager of the Sheet Metal Specialty Company, of Follansbee, West Virginia, by virtue of his progressiveness and pronounced business ability deserves more than a passing notice in this work. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1873, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Swartz) Diller, of that city, whose family consisted of five children, Louis A. being the second in order of birth.

Mr. Diller was reared and educated in Pittsburgh, and left school at the age of thirteen years to begin working at his trade, and he has been engaged in this business for more than a quarter of a century. For a number of years he held positions of trust and responsibility with manufacturing concerns of considerable importance in Pittsburgh, and for nine years was foreman of the J. C. Forster Manufacturing Company of that city. On April 5, 1906, when the Sheet Metal Specialty Company was organized at Follansbee, Mr. Diller joined the concern as manager and secretary, and he still holds these positions. This industry, which employs on an average of thirty-five skilled mechanics, has a floor space of forty thousand square feet in its plant, and the product of the enterprise, which is shipped all over the United States and Canada, consists of double furnace pipe, stove pipe, etc., Keystone ventilators and other specialties. Mr. Diller is thoroughly conversant with every detail of the business of which he has charge, and attends closely to the matter in hand, allowing no part, be it ever so seemingly unimportant, to be neglected. His careful attention to details has brought success, making him one of the most valuable men in his line of business, and he has the respect and esteem of his co-laborers and the fullest confidence of the officials of the business.

In 1896 Mr. Diller was united in marriage with Miss Freda Frick, and two children have been born to this union, namely: Flora and Louis.

JOHN SARGENT NAYLOR, president of the John S. Naylor Company, wholesale dry-goods and notions, has been a factor in the mercantile history of Wheeling for over forty years, and is now head of a firm which is the largest and oldest in continuous business in the

state of West Virginia. For many years his name has also been closely associated with various civic movements and with the political affairs of his city.

He was born at Pennsville, Morgan county, Ohio, April 16, 1843, a son of Joseph R. and Hester (Kimberland) Naylor. After his education in the public schools and West Liberty Academy he chose a mercantile career, and in a few years gained individual recognition in that field. In Wheeling he was first associated with Mr. George K. Wheat. From 1869 to 1879 the firm was Wheat, Isett & Naylor; from 1879 to 1889, was Wheat & Naylor, and at the latter date the business of the John S. Naylor Company was organized and has since been one of the most important houses in the Wheeling wholesale district.

Mr. Naylor's civic service includes membership in the city board of education and the city council, and he is also one of the active workers in the Wheeling Board of Trade, the Y. M. C. A., and the City Hospital Association. In politics a Democrat, he was for eight years chairman of the Democratic County Committee and was a presidential elector in 1904. Mr. Naylor is a member of the First Christian church of Wheeling. His fraternal relations are with Nelson Lodge, No. 7, A. F. and A. M.; Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, K. T.; Wheeling Union Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; and the Consistory of the Scottish Rite.

His wife, Mrs. Anna (Wendelken) Naylor, is a daughter of Gerd and Katherine Wendelken. Her father, who was a farmer and school teacher near Bremen, Germany, afterwards came to America and in 1852 settled at Marietta, Ohio, where he was a merchant. Both parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Naylor have four children: Roy Benton, Allen Gerd, Joseph Randolph and Wilson.

GEORGE W. FRANZHEIM was for many years active in commercial life in the vicinity of Wheeling. He was of German birth, possessed of a spirit of enterprise, since it is only the progressive foreigners who emigrate from their native countries and come to America. Those who are content to continue in the rut which is formed by force of habit and prejudice remain at home. Mr. Franzheim belonged to the former class, and the remarkable success which he enjoyed in Marshall county is indicative of his determination, enterprise and ability.

Mr. Franzheim was born on the 21st day of March, 1824. His father was Gustav Franzheim, likewise a native of Germany, where he engaged in the occupation of a tailor. His wife never left her native land (Germany), but Mr. Franzheim, Sr., immigrated to America after her death.

George Franzheim spent the first fifteen years of his life in Germany. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Germany and at the age of fifteen he came to America to make his fortune. After he arrived in the United States he realized the necessity of obtaining more schooling, partly with the idea of becoming proficient in the language of his adopted country. He entered school, and after having associated in business with the Stamm family, so well known in the vicinity of Wheeling, and later in life he established a general merchandise store in the city and became one of the leaders of commerce—one of Wheeling's most public spirited citizens, ever on the alert for opportunities to promote the welfare of the community in which he resided.

On the 25th day of September, 1851, Mr. Franzheim married Miss Mary Anne Hornung, the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Schaff)



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Hornung, residents of the German settlement in Cincinnati, where they passed their entire lives. Their daughter, Mary Anne, came to Wheeling in the year 1851 where she made the acquaintance of Mr. Franzheim and later became his wife. Seven sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Franzheim—Charles W., George (deceased), William, Lewis H. (deceased), Albert A., Harry C. and Edward B. They have all been successful in business and civic life—a credit alike to their training and to the community in which they live. Their mother, so recently widowed, maintains the deepest interest in the progress of her “boys,” who in turn surround her with the affectionate attentions which are her due.

George W. Franzheim was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, who showed their regard for their fraternal brother by their large attendance at his funeral—their last tribute to his memory. He was a devout church member, one of the founders of St. John's (German Protestant) church, near his happy home in Wheeling. His death was a distinct loss to the community in whose behalf he was interested so long and to such a great extent. He died January 9, 1877.

HON. SAMUEL GEORGE, whose death occurred at Wellsburg, August 9, 1903, had been intimately identified with that community for half a century. In his home city and the surrounding country his enterprise was of that substantial character that endures far beyond the life time, and his name is permanently fixed in the history of this locality.

His parents were worthy farming people who were among the early settlers of Brooke county, where he was born on a farm in 1827. He enjoyed only the limited schooling that was afforded by the time and locality, and for his progress in life he relied largely on his strong natural endowments of an active mind, clear and ready judgment, a forceful purpose, and fine principles of business and personal honor. He remained on the farm until his sixteenth year, and at the age of twenty-five, in 1852, located in Wellsburg, where in later years he assumed a controlling influence in business. For ten years he conducted a grocery store. He was one of the pork-packers of this vicinity during the latter years of the industry, which, before the introduction of the modern system of the meat business and before the concentration of the establishments, absorbed the energies of many of the keenest business men along the Ohio river. He was also in the wool business at Wellsburg.

About 1873 Mr. George formed a partnership with T. Grimes and William Harvey, both of whom were prominent early business men of Wellsburg. These associates converted the old cotton mill into a paper mill for the manufacture of paper bags. On May 11, 1874, the mill was burned, but they rebuilt the same year. In 1876 Mr. George bought out the interest of Mr. Grimes and also those of the heirs of Mr. Harvey after his death, and continued to operate the plant alone until 1881, when Archie Rea became a partner. In 1885 he again assumed entire control, and in 1892 the S. George Company was incorporated. In its special lines of paper manufacture and allied industry this is one of the most important manufactories of the upper Ohio valley. Its growth and solid prosperity are due to the enterprise of the man whose name it bears.

Though this industry absorbed the energy of its owner during many years and was largely his single undertaking, his interests extended to many other things, and he was the promoter of several enterprises which have been of benefit to the entire community. He was the builder and also operated the electric railway in Wellsburg, thus giving the city one

of its most important modern conveniences. He was the founder of the Wellsburg Bank in 1871, and when this was succeeded by the Banking and Trust Company he became the first president of the latter institution.

Probably no citizen of Wellsburg was more widely known during this lifetime nor more highly respected than the late Samuel George. At the time of his death he represented his fellow citizens in the state senate, having been elected to that office two terms. While he was known as the able financier and the director of large business, he was equally esteemed for his kindly, liberal helpfulness in doing all he could to promote and sustain the welfare of his community. His character was quiet and unostentatious, and though a man of power and wide influence he accomplished his worthy purpose in the quietly effective manner which is characteristic of all great men and their work. Possessed of remarkable ability and constantly increasing resources, he gave his best talents to achievements which have proved solid foundations for the prosperity of his community, and which will long continue as benefits to this vicinity. For many years he was a member of the Presbyterian church of Wellsburg and was always active in the inner life of his local city.

His first wife was Miss Ella Miller. She and their two children are deceased. He later married Miss Eliza Kimberland, who became the mother of nine children, seven of whom are living. The present Mrs. George, whom he married February 6, 1895, was first married to the late Joseph M. Mendel, by whom she has four children, two sons and two daughters. Her maiden name was Miss Lucy Fleming, a representative of one of the old families of Virginia.

ROSCOE T. ONG, both as a citizen and business man has been actively identified for many years with the vicinity included in this historical survey, and is one of the representative citizens of Martins Ferry.

A descendant of a worthy old Quaker family, he was born at Smithfield, Ohio, October 1, 1867. His parents, Mifflin and Sarah Jane (Hussey) Ong, were both of Quaker stock and themselves were devoted to that simple faith. The father was for many years a farmer near Smithfield.

While a boy at Smithfield, Roscoe T. Ong attended the common schools, and later entered the Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania, where he was a student three years. After finishing college he located in Martins Ferry, where he has been a resident for twenty-five years. For twenty years his drug store was one of the familiar and popular local stores. During the last two years Mr. Ong has been engaged in the real estate business. His business, conducted on general lines, is large and prosperous. As a citizen he has taken an active interest in promoting the welfare of Martins Ferry and has accepted many opportunities to be of service to his home town since engaging in his present business. The township trustees of Pease township appointed him, February 25, 1911, justice of the peace to fill the unexpired term of Mr. I. Newland, resigned.

Mr. Ong while in college became a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and is also a member of the order of Elks. His church is the Presbyterian. Mr. Ong married, in 1906, Miss Elsie Williams, daughter of D. J. and Elizabeth Williams.

WILLIAM MCCONNAUGHY.—It is the distinction of the McConnaughy family to have been identified with Bridgeport since 1791,



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and thus the interesting old city is endeared to the immediate subject of this biographical record by the ties and traditions of one hundred and twenty years. Of all the McConnaughys it is safe to say that none has been a more loyal citizen than William McConnaughy. He is an energetic, progressive business man and conducts the largest livery stable in the city, this having a more than local fame, owing to the extent and excellence of its equipment. The concern was established by the subject's uncle, M. L. McConnaughy, in 1876, and it was purchased by him in 1905. He began his business career with the modest capital of seventy-five dollars and is a self-made man in the fullest sense. He now owns this valuable property; keeps seventeen livery horses and has all kinds of pleasure and business as well as funeral vehicles. His stable covers a space of one hundred and ten by one hundred and twenty feet, giving him ample room for every purpose. His horses are young and in good condition and evince that they have feed and care in abundance.

William McConnaughy was born in Bridgeport, Ohio, on the 21st day of November, 1871. He is the son of Elias and Jennie (McNichol) McConnaughy, the former a general contractor and a native of Bridgeport, which city was also the scene of his wife's nativity. They became the parents of seven children, five of whom are living at the present time. Mr. McConnaughy was the first in order of birth, the others being Edna, Syble, Betsy, Emma, Stella and Elizabeth, who died in infancy. The grandfather, Burgett McConnaughy, came to Ohio from the Keystone state with his father, Joseph McConnaughy, who founded the family in Bridgeport late in the eighteenth century, as previously mentioned. The great-grandfather was Joseph McConnaughy, a merchant, and he was the parent of eight children. He was well known in the early life of Bridgeport and was a good and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. McConnaughy was reared and educated in this city and previous to undertaking his present business he operated an express route, following this occupation for ten years. He established a happy household on the 9th day of September, 1894, when Miss Lizzie Masser, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Bennett) Masser, became his bride. They have no issue.

Mr. McConnaughy is a man who takes great pleasure in his lodge relations, these extending to the Knights of Pythias, the Eagles, the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America. He takes an interest in the many-sided life of Bridgeport and is assistant chief of the fire department.

MRS. THERESA WERNER, prominent in the social life of Wheeling, is a daughter of Conrad Yahn, whose career in Wheeling was so intimately identified with the business and civic affairs that his name has a permanent place in the history of the city.

Mrs. Werner was born in Wheeling, where she was reared and educated. On the first of November, 1875, she was married to Louis Altmyer, who died May 17, 1879, at the age of 28. On January 4, 1880, she married Mr. Joseph Werner. He was a native of Germany, the son of a farmer and a soldier of the fatherland. He immigrated to America, and after a brief residence in Maryland located at Wheeling in 1859. Here he was employed in farming and teaming, and then became a coal operator, having a large mine at Manchester, West Virginia. He sold this property and lived a retired life until his death, on February 15, 1908. Mrs. Werner has one child by her first marriage, a daughter, Bertha, who is now the wife of Albert Polley, and she by a former marriage, with Thurman Enlow, had two daughters, Alice and Grace, who

reside with their mother. By her second marriage Mrs. Werner is the mother of Florence, the wife of Harry Kline.

Mrs. Werner is an active member of the Catholic church and takes an interested part in various lines of social effort. Her residence is at Edgington Lane, Wheeling.

M. L. MAXWELL.—One of the important industrial enterprises that contribute materially to the commercial prestige of the city of Martins Ferry is the La Belle Box Company, and of this Martin Lester Maxwell acts as resident manager and assistant secretary, much of the continued progress and present high standing being due to his fine executive ability. This company was organized March 1, 1908, and was incorporated, and now engages in the manufacture of tin-plate boxes, whose prime requisite is that they be strong and durable, and also crates and boxes of all kinds. The factory is one of considerable proportions, covering about four acres, and seventy-five men are employed. Mr. Maxwell, in addition to his office, is a stockholder.

Mr. Maxwell was born at Elwood, Clinton county, Iowa, September 29, 1883, and thus is of the younger generation of business men. He is the son of Benjamin F. and Margaret (Griffith) Maxwell, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. Benjamin F. was a soldier in the Civil war and served as a private in the Sixty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry for three years. Among his military adventures was his capture, he being held as a prisoner of war at Little Rock, Arkansas. He is now retired from the more strenuous activities of life and resides at Indianapolis, Indiana, where he enjoys the respect and regard of all who know him best. His children were eleven in number, the subject being the eighth in order of birth, and what is most remarkable and unusual, they are all living in 1911.

Martin Lester Maxwell received his education at Worthington, Indiana, and having decided to adopt a business rather than a professional career, he finished with a commercial course in Indianapolis. Since finishing his preparation for life he has been engaged in work of a similar nature to that in which he is engaged at present, and for which a man of less executive ability, good judgment and gifts of leadership would not be fitted. He was a bookkeeper for two years with the Indiana Box Company at Elwood, Indiana.

Mr. Maxwell was happily married on September 9, 1908, when Miss Retta L. Williams, daughter of Lee Williams, became his wife. One son, Weldon L., has been born into their home. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are members and generous supporters of the First Christian church of Wheeling. The subject is a worthy and popular member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Foresters.

KRIM BROTHERS.—One of the most enterprising and successful business firms of Martins Ferry consists of John R. and Frank A. Krim, brothers, who represent an old family of Belmont county. Their father was the late George A. Krim, for many years in the meat business. Their mother, Mary A. Krim, is still living. The family were resident of Henrysburg up to 1891, when they moved to Martins Ferry, and for the past twenty years the name has been well-known in the business life of this city.

The brothers were both born in Belmont county, John on January 11, 1873, and Frank on February 6, 1876. They received their early schooling in that county, and obtained their business training in Martins Ferry. In 1898 was established the grocery business of Krim Brothers,



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and their large store on Fourth street has for a number of years been one of the most popular trading places in town. They have made a careful study of this business, which is one demanding unusual foresight and diligence, and their success is proof of their qualifications in this respect. On August 30, 1907, they bought the livery business of George W. Tweedy. This is one of the oldest in the city, the former proprietor having been located on Fourth street for twenty-three years. The brothers now divide the responsibilities of their concerns, Frank conducting the grocery and John the livery. They own sixteen head of horses, have an ambulance and carriage service, and conduct a general livery business.

Mr. John Krim married Miss Margaret McWilliams. Her father was one of the old settlers of this vicinity, being related to the Zane family so prominent in the early history of the upper Ohio valley, and was also one of the soldiers of the Union during the Civil war. They have one child, Helen Virginia. Mr. John Krim is a member of the Masonic order, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, and his church is the Presbyterian.

Mr. Frank Krim married Miss Luella Shipman, daughter of the late James Shipman. The latter was one of Martins Ferry's most prominent citizens, having been a veteran of the Civil war, former city auditor and was mayor of the city in 1902. Mr. Krim and wife have one son, Ralph H. He is a Presbyterian, an Elk, Odd Fellow, and a Knight of Pythias, and both brothers are independent in politics.

WALTER D. CARLILE is one of the progressive young business men of Martins Ferry and for the past twelve years has been local manager for the Scott Lumber Company. This company is one of the largest lumber concerns in eastern Ohio, with a trade in many small towns, besides large contracts for big building operations. The principal office of the company is at Bridgeport.

Mr. Carlile began his experience in the lumber business when a boy, and was only twenty years old when he was promoted to his present responsible place as manager of this branch. He was born at St. Clairsville, Belmont county, Ohio, February, 8, 1880. His parents were John and Eugenia (Johnston) Carlile, the former a native of Ireland and the mother of St. Clairsville. The father, who is now retired, conducted a lumber business at St. Clairsville for many years, and with him his son learned the business. The latter received his education in the schools of his native town, and after four or five years with his father came to Martins Ferry in 1900.

On April 29, 1909, Mr. Carlile married Miss Martha Sweeney, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Woods) Sweeney, of Martins Ferry. Her father was a colonel in the Confederate army during the Civil war. One child has been born of their marriage, Elizabeth Carlile. Mr. Carlile is a member of the order of Elks and in politics is a Republican. He is a Presbyterian and his wife, a United Presbyterian.

GEORGE ADAMS became a resident of Wheeling in 1852, being then a young man of eighteen years, with the inherited gifts of an excellent ancestry, well educated, and with courage and ambition for the work and difficulties of a business career. For a time he represented a Baltimore firm as clerk in its branch house in Wheeling. In 1857 he engaged in the wholesale grocery business in this city, and in ten years from his first introduction to Wheeling had gained distinction as one of its most successful young business men.

The subsequent career of Mr. Adams is well known, for he was intimately associated with the financial and business life of the city for many years. In 1864 he organized the First National Bank of Wheeling, which is now the Bank of the Ohio Valley, in which he took the office of cashier, and was connected with the management of the institution until 1880. He is still one of the stockholders in this solid old banking house. He was formerly president of the Buckeye Glass Company and was a director of the Franklin Insurance Company. In many ways he has identified himself with the affairs of his city for its substantial benefit, and the esteem of his fellow citizens accompanies him during his retirement from the active scenes of his earlier years. For a number of years he has resided in a beautiful home in a suburb of Wheeling, Pleasant Valley.

Mr. Adams was born in Baltimore, Maryland, September 13, 1834, a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Adams) Adams. The family was originally from England, where the great grandfather, Philip Adams, was born, of substantial and prosperous English stock. When the latter brought his family to a new home in America, many of the household possessions came with them, and the family silver brought over at that time is still a prized heirloom owned by some of his descendants. Philip Adams got a government patent to land in Maryland, in which state his children became prominent. Both the mother and father of Mr. George Adams were born in Somerset county, Maryland, and though of the same family name, were not related. The father was a prosperous planter and slave-owner of that state.

At Baltimore, his native city, Mr. Adams received his early education, and was a student in Newton University, after which he gained his first business experience in a commission house of that city. During the Civil war he was captain of the West Virginia militia during 1863-64, and in November of the latter year he was commissioned colonel by Governor Boreman. He has served as treasurer of the Soldiers' Aid Society, and was president of the Wheeling Library Association. He is an honorary member of the Wheeling Board of Trade. He is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Adams was first married, in 1857, to Miss Mary McClellan. His second wife was Jane W. McClellan. Both are now deceased. By the first marriage were three children, Samuel Philip (deceased), Jane (deceased) and Elizabeth. The latter is the wife of Charles Russell Caldwell, and they have one child, Elizabeth. Her first husband was Philip Taylor Allen, and they had children: George A., Jane Mc., and Philip T., Jr., deceased.

R. G. AUSTIN, of Benwood, is one of the wide-experienced and successful men in the mercantile affairs of Wheeling and vicinity. At the outset of his manhood he engaged in this line of business effort, and to a natural ability added the industry and other qualities which insure success. If it is true that every failure is a tax on the whole social community, it is also true that the successful man is never alone in his prosperity, but contributes to the well-being of the entire community of which he is a member.

For the past seven years Mr. Austin has been manager of the Western Supply Company of Benwood, a well-known mercantile concern of that city. Its place of business is a two-story and basement building in the business center, with a large stock of merchandise, besides a large meat market. Mr. Austin is considered one of the shrewdest buyers in this vicinity, and much of the success of this business has

depended on his foresight and knowledge of market conditions in supplying the demands of the consuming public.

Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, was his birthplace, and he was identified with the business life of that town until his removal to Benwood. Born in 1860, he attended the Wellsboro schools, and then learned the wood-working trade in a sash, door and blind factory. He did not follow this trade long until he went into mercantile business, in which his special fitness was soon proved. From 1880 for twenty-five years he was engaged in business at Wellsboro, and then came to Benwood to assume the management of the Western Supply Company.

Mr. Austin's wife, to whom he was married in 1880, was Miss Ada E. Coles, of Wellsboro. They have one child, Florence. Mr. Austin has been an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since he became of age.

JOSEPH B. WILSON, a representative of one of the pioneer families who became the first instruments of civilization in Ohio county of West Virginia, is a retired merchant of Short Creek and spending the quiet years of a venerable age. His career has been one of honorable activity, and his name is one of the most worthy to be considered in the history of Wheeling and Vicinity.

The name of Wilson has been identified with the development of the upper Ohio valley from the earliest times, and one of the first of the family to come to this region was John Wilson, with his good wife Rebecca. He was born December 22, 1745, and his wife, June 26, 1756. During their early residence along the Ohio they lived in almost constant dread of Indian outrage, and at one time they barely escaped into the nearby fort in time to save their lives. John Wilson was one of the pioneer homesteaders, and got a government title to four hundred and thirty-three acres in Ohio county. The children of this pioneer couple, with names and dates of birth, were: John, 1772; James, 1774; Rebecca, 1778; Rachael, 1780; Ann, 1782; Joseph, 1783; Ruhama, 1785; Hannah, 1787; Lewis, 1790; Catherine, 1792; Margaret, 1794; Sarah, 1797; Lavmah, 1802.

Of these children, the son John, who died August 27, 1833, was the father of the venerable citizen of Short Creek. He owned three hundred and thirty-three acres of land in Ohio county, and was a substantial farmer during the early years of the last century. He married, in 1821, Rebecca McCulloch, who was born in Ohio county, August 16, 1799, she being also one of the pioneer families of this region. Their children were as follows: John, born November 18, 1822; Rachael, born March 23, 1824; Abram, born July 23, 1825; Lewis, born February 7, 1828; Andrew J., born April 21, 1830; Sarah, born November 22, 1831; and Joseph B.

Mr. Joseph B. Wilson, the youngest of the family, was born in Ohio county, September 2, 1833. While growing up he attended the common schools, and continued to live on the old homestead up to 1856. In that year his ill health caused him to remove to the golden coast of California, where he lived for eleven years amid the eventful scenes of the state during its pioneer development. In 1867 he returned to his native county, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for a time, and in 1872 located at Short Creek and for many years maintained the principal commercial activities of the village. He conducted a store and was the postmaster sixteen years, and was also agent for the Pennsylvania railroad. He has lived retired from business since 1890. His business career has enabled him to live well during his later years. He

is owner of sixty-three acres, much of it in the river bottom and as productive land as can be found in this vicinity, and he also owns his store building, which is leased to the present merchant. Mr. Wilson has for many years been a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in 1872 to Miss Sarah J. Bane, and they have had a happy married life of forty years.

W. H. KOCH occupies an important place in the business life of Wheeling and vicinity as the manager of the Hitchman Coal and Coke Company, of Wheeling. He has been identified with this company for the past ten years and under his able direction the industry has become one of the largest of the kind in this section.

The Hitchman Coal and Coke Company's mines are located at Benwood, in Marshall county, and were opened in 1901 by Mr. Koch. The coal is the No. 8 Pittsburg vein, and the company's tract at first included five thousand acres. In 1905 Mr. Koch purchased for the company another thousand acres. These extensive holdings have a river frontage of five miles, and the business organization and equipment are among the best in the country. Nearly five hundred operatives are employed in the industry, so that the enterprise is one of the largest resources which contribute directly to the wealth and prosperity of a considerable population.

Mr. Koch has had a large and varied experience as a coal operator. He was connected with the business in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and is an expert in both the industrial and commercial phases of coal mining. The product of the Hitchman mine goes to all parts of the country, and in the last ten years thousands of car loads of coal have gone from this mine to supply the furnaces for an untold aggregate of manufacturing industry.

W. S. HUTCHINS, M. D., is a prominent physician of Wheeling and has been in successful practice here many years. During the early years of his residence here he held a high place as an educator and was at the head of a school, which was one of the best institutions of the kind in the Ohio valley. His long career has been filled with many useful services, and he is one of Wheeling's foremost citizens.

Dr. Hutchins was born at Conneaut, Ohio, December 5, 1835, and comes of a notable pioneer family of that region. His grandfather, John Hutchins, was a Vermonter, and early in the last century took his family and household possessions in wagons drawn by ox teams from that state into the newly opened Western Reserve of Ohio. From Erie, Pennsylvania, their way to Conneaut was cut through the forests. A member of the family on this migration was William Hutchins, father of Dr. Hutchins. His wife was Susannah (Loudon) Hutchins. Susannah Loudon's father, William Loudon, was a soldier in the Continental army and it is said that he was a drum-major on Washington's staff. He was a highly educated man and a writer of considerable note, among his contributions being a poem dedicated to the illustrious Washington. He was also one of Daniel Webster's tutors. The Hutchins family were noted as farmers on a large scale, and at one time owned nearly the entire township (Monroe township) where the old homestead was near Conneaut. From Ohio William Hutchins moved out to Michigan, where he lived two years, then returned to Ohio, residing at Huron, Erie county, and spent the last years of his life in Sandusky city.

The first school attended by Dr. Hutchins was in Michigan, then he was in school at Huron, Ohio, and completed public school work at



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Sandusky. In 1857 he entered Marietta College, where he was a student five years. In the meantime he had become a proficient telegraph operator, having acquired this art when telegraphy was practically in its infancy. At the time of the war he organized a company for service and had a commission as lieutenant, but was never mustered in. Instead of enlisting he joined the signal service, and because of his ability as an operator was assigned to a place at headquarters in the telegraph department.

After the war he came to Wheeling and for three years conducted the Moundsville Seminary, until it was closed by a fire. He then moved the institution into Wheeling, and continued it for three years as the Young Ladies' Institute, under the auspices of the Episcopal church. As president of the school he had thirteen instructors under him, and the Institute became a noted seat of culture, having a curriculum equal to Vassar College and Mt. Holyoke Seminary. He owned most of the stock, but at the end of three years he sold it to the Wheeling Catholic church. For two years following he conducted a music and art store in Wheeling, until another fire brought his business career to an abrupt close.

At this time he began his preparation for the profession of medicine. His studies were conducted in the medical department of the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, and then at the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, where he was graduated M. D. He afterwards took a year of post-graduate work in New York city and was two years at Philadelphia. Dr. Hutchins is one of the best equipped physicians and surgeons of this city. He is a member of the Episcopal church, and has always taken a public-spirited part in movements for the advancement and betterment of the city.

Dr. Hutchins was married at the close of the war to Miss Julianna P. Doddridge, a grand-daughter of Philip Doddridge of Virginia. They have an adopted daughter, Catherine, who is engaged as a clerk in a bank at Charleston, West Virginia. In his political belief Dr. Hutchins is a Republican, and he is a member of the Masonic order.

O. T. SMITH is one of the group of manufacturers and business men who have brought the city of Wellsburg into prominence as an industrial center. At his plant a varied line of fine machine work is executed, including the manufacture of stamping and drawing dies, tools and sheet metal works, and also automobile and marine work. Mr. Smith is a master mechanic who thoroughly understands his business, and since the establishment of his plant here in 1906 he has built up a large trade over a large territory.

Mr. Smith is a native of Wheeling, where he was born August 20, 1868, being the son of Thomas B. and Josephine (Beck) Smith of that city. He inherits his mechanical ability, for his father was a proficient mechanic and stationary engineer, and followed that trade until his death. The mother is still living. There were seven children, of whom Mr. O. T. Smith was the fourth.

He was reared and educated in Wheeling, and after leaving school began learning his trade with the Wheeling Stamping Company, where he remained an efficient employe for twelve years. After that and up to 1901 he was in the bicycle repair business at Wheeling. In the year mentioned he came to Wellsburg and started the stamping works for the Eagle Glass and Manufacturing Company. He had charge of that branch of the business five years, and then founded the plant in which he has been so successful on his own account.

In 1895 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Mollie, daughter of Eugene Lemmon, of Wheeling. They are the parents of three children, Odessa, Eugene and Mildred.

THOMAS H. GREEN, a resident of Martins Ferry for thirty-six years, has been identified with a profession whose results are not of temporary nature and for that reason are more satisfying than the fruits of some other professions and vocations. Mr. Green has been engaged throughout his active career as a builder and architect, and material evidence of his work may be seen in all parts of this city.

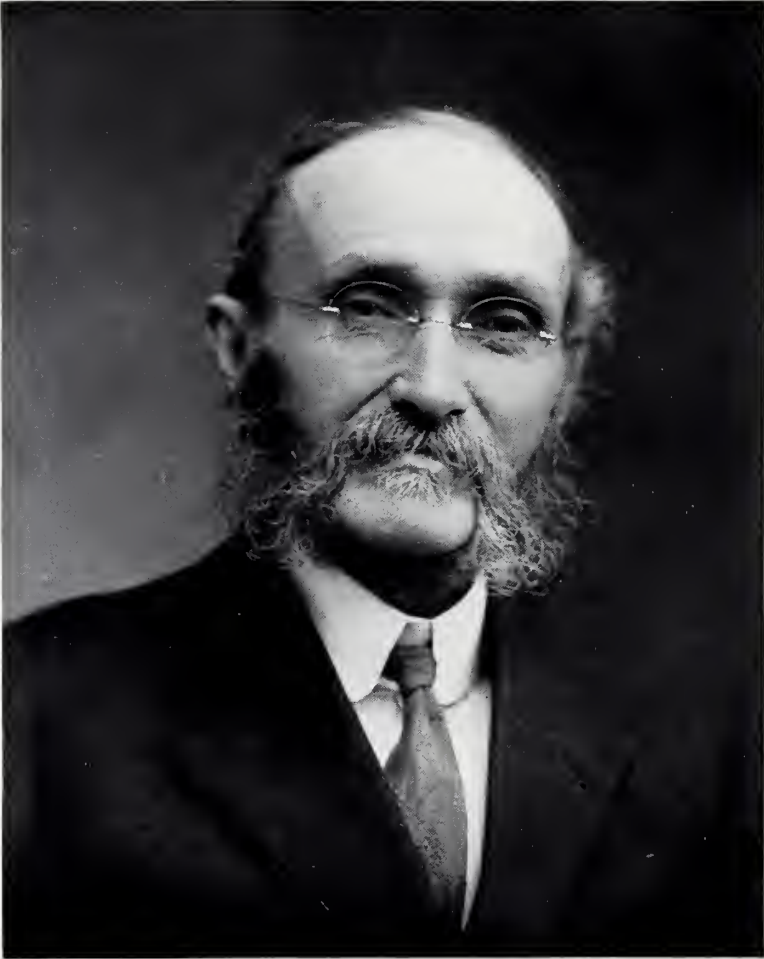
He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, December 11, 1848, a son of Henry and Nancy (Alban) Green, the former a native of Jackson county, Maryland, and the mother of West Virginia. The father being a farmer and carpenter, his son Thomas began to receive instruction in the skillful handling of tools while a child and had abundant opportunity to put his young skill to practical use. His literary education was that afforded by the common schools, and at the age of eighteen he went to Steubenville, where he finished learning his trade.

In 1875 Mr. Green located in Martins Ferry as a contractor and builder. A number of examples of his work might be cited here. The residence of W. R. Ratcliff, considered one of the finest homes at the time it was built, was one of his early contracts. He was the architect of the Martins Ferry high school, he was the builder of the Commercial block, and the fine home of George Spence is one of the modern residences bearing the impress of his skill. About five years ago Mr. Green extended his business into the modern uses of cement. For this purpose he has a large yard and a building twenty by one hundred feet, where he manufactures concrete in all its forms, including building blocks and sidewalks.

Mr. Green is a Knight Templar Mason, and in politics a Republican. He was married, February 28, 1871, to Miss Sally Bowman, daughter of John and Sally Bowman. Mr. and Mrs. Green have three daughters: Cora Emma, at home; Flora Belle, wife of Dr. J. W. Medill, of Youngstown, Ohio, and May, at home.

ROBERT A. HOLLINGSHEAD is one of the progressive and enterprising contractors and builders of Glendale, where he has resided for a period of seventeen years. A man who is qualified to design a building, to work out its mechanical details, to plane and saw the lumber and, if necessary, to put up the whole building, single-handed from first to last, may be considered a perfect master of his business. He puts to shame many so-called builders who have no practical knowledge of the work they superintend and are forced to trust to the efficiency of their foremen. Mr. Hollingshead knows how every branch of his work should be done and he sees that it is executed according to his ideas.

Robert A. Hollingshead is a native of Glen Easton, West Virginia, where his birth occurred in 1867. He is the son of Eli and Julia A. (Luster) Hollingshead, both natives of Marshall county, where Eli Hollingshead owned a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, on which his eight children were reared. R. A. Hollingshead, one of the four surviving members of the family of eight, of whom he was the youngest, attended the school at Glen Easton and assisted in the work on his father's farm until he had reached his twentieth year, when he moved to the town of Moundsville and learned the building business in all its details, architectural designs, mechanical drawing, erection of the work from the blue print, etc. A couple of years were devoted to the study



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of planing mill work, then, in 1894, fully equipped for the career he intended to make, he came to Glendale and forthwith commenced to take contracts for building. He wisely confined himself to one certain class of work and erects dwelling houses almost exclusively, and by means of this specialization and concentration he has gained a reputation as a designer and builder of high class residences. Almost all the dwellings in Glendale are the products of his master mind and the handiwork of the efficient corps of men he employs. Those residents of Wheeling and vicinity who have seen these houses in Glendale need no further evidence of the abilities of Mr. Hollingshead.

In 1907 R. A. Hollingshead was happily united in marriage with Miss Louise, daughter of Henry Shafer, of Wheeling, West Virginia.

WILLIAM M. HUTCHISON.—Residing in Woodsdale, one of the most beautiful suburbs of the city of Wheeling, Mr. Hutchison is known as one of the leading contractors of this part of the state and has to his credit many large and important works accomplished in the line of his chosen vocation, the while he has secured a place in the confidence and esteem of the community that has represented his home for many years.

Mr. Hutchison claims the old Buckeye state as the place of his nativity, but has been a resident of West Virginia since his boyhood days. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 30th of June, 1842, and is a son of Thomas and Lindsay (Duncan) Hutchison, the former of whom was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and the latter of whom was a native of Scotland, both having been zealous members of the Presbyterian church. Thomas Hutchison was a successful railroad contractor for a number of years prior to his death, and in connection with this line of enterprise he came to West Virginia and established his home in Wheeling. He and his wife passed the closing years of their long and useful lives at Wheeling, West Virginia, secure in the high regard of all who knew them.

William M. Hutchison, whose name initiates this review, gained his early educational discipline in the common schools of Little Beaver, Pennsylvania, and was ten years of age at the time when the family home was established in West Virginia. As a boy and youth he gave active assistance in connection with his father's various contracting operations and thereby gained most valuable experience along practical and executive lines. At the age of twenty-two years he initiated his independent efforts as a contractor, in connection with the construction of the Bethany turnpike, and in 1864 he assumed his first large contract in the line of stone work. He had the contract for the construction of a stone bridge near Tiltonville, and he has been actively and successfully concerned with the same line of enterprise during the long intervening years, which have been marked by large and worthy accomplishment on his part and which have given him prestige as one of the world's productive workers. He constructed the first road in the McCulloch district. He has handled many large contracts in connection with the improvement of the highways in this section of the state and thus has done much to aid in civic and material progress and the furtherance of the general welfare of the state. He has served as superintendent of both county and state roads in Ohio county and is known as one of the liberal and public-spirited citizens of the county. He served sixteen years as a member of the board of education of Tridelpia district, and has been an influential factor in the development of this beautiful suburb of Wheeling. Here he formerly owned the ground on which stands the

Stratford Hotel, one of the most attractive summer and winter resorts of this section, and he had for a number of years the sole control of the Woodsdale Springs, now known as the Stratford Springs, the fine medicinal qualities of which have been the basis of the great popularity of the hotel mentioned. In the early days he placed the water from these famous springs in containers and sold the product to the citizens of Wheeling. In politics he gives his allegiance to the Democratic party and both he and his wife hold membership in the Vance Memorial church.

In the year 1864 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hutchison to Miss Sarah J. Harsha, a daughter of William and Harriet (Fee) Harsha, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and representatives of time-honored families, from whom have emanated some noted educators of the west. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison became the parents of three children—Harry R., who died at the age of twenty-seven years; and Eupha E. and Harriet V., who still remain at the parental home, which is known for its cordial hospitality.

JOHN F. WATERS.—One of the prominent, widely known and generally liked men connected with the coal mining industry of the vicinity of Wheeling is John E. Waters, superintendent of the Wheeling Creek Mine, the property of the Lorain Coal and Dock Company. It is safe to say that this gentleman has no peer in his knowledge of mining conditions, for from earliest young manhood he has been actively engaged in its many departments. The mine was opened in 1878 and this coal, like all the coal in this vicinity, is known as "Pittsburg Vein No. 8." The Lorain Coal and Dock Company owns one of the largest areas of coal in the state of Ohio and their output is three hundred and fifty thousand tons per year. Mr. Waters has five hundred men under his supervision and is held in greatest esteem by the forces working under him, his being the magnetic qualities and the sound judgment and consideration which mean successful leadership.

Mr. Waters was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1850, and is the son of William R. and Elizabeth (Smith) Waters. He was reared in the Keystone state and educated in the public schools of his native town. He subsequently studied civil engineering and utilized his knowledge of the same both inside and outside of the mines from 1864 to 1868. From the year 1872 he has held the office of superintendent of mines for the P. & W. Coal Company until 1900, and from 1900 to the present year (1911) he has been in charge of the Wheeling Creek Mine and has done much to contribute to the unusual success which has been its fortune. In all his mining experience Mr. Waters has met with but one accident. This was early in his career when, in 1872, the roof at the St. Clair Mine fell at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and crushed his right leg, but fortunately did not injure the bone.

In 1872 Mr. Waters laid the foundation of a happy married life by his union with Miss Carrie B., daughter of Oliver and Eliza (Foster) Dobson. Two children have been born into their home, Oliver D., who is also in the employ of the Lorain Coal and Dock Company; and Grace P.

Mr. and Mrs. Waters are consistent members of the Presbyterian church and are generous and willing in support of its good works. The subject is an enthusiastic member of the great Masonic fraternity, not only being eligible to the white plumed helmet of the Knight Templar, but also being numbered among those famous pleasure-seekers, The Shriners. In his living he exemplifies the fine Masonic principles of

moral and social justice and brotherly love. He is a good citizen, ever ready to help any cause likely to be of benefit to the many.

W. S. LEACH, cashier of the State Bank of Benwood, is a prominent young business man of this city, and has been in the banking business since he was eighteen years old.

Mr. Leach is a native son of Benwood, and his parents are W. B. and Catherine (Earp) Leach, a well known family of the city. He was born at Benwood, October 13, 1882, was reared here and attended the public schools, completing his education in the University of West Virginia.

At the organization of the State Bank of Benwood in October, 1900, he was made assistant cashier. The State Bank is one of the solid financial institutions of this section of the state, and its affairs have been directed by men of the highest integrity and financial standing. In July, 1908, Mr. Leach was promoted to cashier, and has been a popular and efficient officer in that capacity. Fraternally he is affiliated with the order of Elks at Wheeling and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Benwood. As a citizen he is interested in all movements for the welfare of his home town.

On December 22, 1908, Mr. Leach married Miss Cornelia Meador, of Baltimore. They have one son, W. M. Leach.

H. F. ZINK, M. D., is one of the most able physicians in Bellaire, where he has resided since 1907. From the time when he commenced his professional career until the present day Dr. Zink has employed every means in his power to become proficient in his profession; he has traveled both abroad and in America; he has studied in various institutions, that his vision might be as broad as possible, and today he reads all the current medical literature for which he can find time, realizing that the sponge which ceases to absorb soon shrivels.

The Doctor is a member of an old Ohio family, his birth having occurred on the 8th day of May, 1867, at Clarington, Monroe county Ohio. His grandfather, Jacob Zink, was born in Switzerland and there married and reared a family on his farm near Berne. Subsequently, accompanied by his family, he came to America, going first to Powhatan Point, Ohio, but remained there only a short time. Grandfather Zink procured from the Government a large tract of land in Monroe county, and there he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in cultivating his farm. Some time after his death his son Felix (father of Dr. Zink) sold the original farm which his father had received and bought a more desirable one near Clarington, Monroe county, Ohio. When a young man Felix Zink married Miss Elizabeth Havdenschild, a native of Monroe county, and they became the parents of four children. The father died in 1900 and his widow still remains in Clarington, Ohio.

Dr. Zink, the fourth of the family, was brought up on his father's farm and as a lad attended the country school near his home. He graduated from high school, entered the normal school at Berea, Ohio, and followed his course there by two terms at Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. This training was obtained with the idea of entering the pedagogical field, and, indeed, on leaving Wallace College he accepted a position as teacher at the Schaffer school in Monroe county. For six years he remained preceptor in this same school, his work characterized by its thoroughness. At the termination of his sixth year, however, he determined that he would become a physician and to that end he matriculated in the Cleveland Medical College, from which institution he was

graduated in 1891. Desirous of becoming more thoroughly equipped before he commenced practice, he took post graduate work at the Post Graduate Polyclinic School in New York and on completing the course prescribed he commenced his medical practice at Clarington, where he remained until 1898, but during this time his thought had been turned towards Europe—the Mecca of the physicians and chemists—and in 1898 he entered the Imperial Hospital in Vienna, Austria, and there took a two years' course. With enlarged views and greater knowledge and experience, he returned to this country, practiced at Clarington, his home town, and in 1907 came to Bellaire, where he was immediately awarded the place to which his abilities entitle him. He holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and with the Methodist Episcopal church, and is well known and deservedly popular.

HOWARD H. HASTINGS.—The efficient and popular chief of police in Wheeling has the distinction of having gained this noteworthy preferment in his native city, and he has been incumbent of this important office since 1907, the while his administration has been marked by the raising of the standard of the police department to the point of utmost efficiency and the gaining to the chief of general commendation, as well as of the high regard and earnest co-operation of the other members of the department.

In the old family homestead, at the corner of Coal and Pike streets, in the city of Wheeling Howard H. Hastings was born on the 2d of September, 1871, and he is a son of William and Elizabeth (Ripley) Hastings, the former of whom was born in the state of Pennsylvania and the latter in England. William Hastings' father immigrated to America from the north of Ireland and was of staunch Scotch-Irish lineage, his religious faith having been that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He established his home in Pennsylvania and there continued to reside during the major part of his life. William Hastings learned the trade of nail-plate roller and in connection with work along this line he established his home in Wheeling about half a century ago. He became one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of the West Virginia metropolis and here both he and his wife yet continued to reside until his death in 1889, and where the mother is living. Of their children three sons and four daughters are now living.

Wheeling's chief of police is indebted to the public schools of this city for his early educational discipline and when sixteen years of age he entered the Labelle Iron Mills, but soon afterward he indulged his spirit of adventure and gained new experiences by going to California, where he remained about two years. Thereafter he was in other sections of the west for a time, returning to Wheeling, again entered the rolling mills, where he became an expert roller. That vocation he followed for ten years in the Labelle Works and then went to Steubenville, Ohio, where he was employed in the mills for two years. On January 30, 1904, he secured a position as roundsman in the city police department, under Chief Clemmons. A week later he was advanced to the office of lieutenant, in which he served until November 10, 1907, when he was made the incumbent of the office of chief of police, in which capacity he has since continued to give the most satisfactory service. At the time he assumed the office he was the youngest member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, with which organization he is actively identified, as is he also with the International Bureau of Identification. He is the only police chief in West Virginia to hold membership in these two notable organizations. As chief, Mr. Hastings has su-



Howard H. Hastings.

pervision of a well-disciplined corps of fifty-two persons, consisting of thirty-eight patrolmen, two sergeants, two roundsmen, two lieutenants, five detectives, two patrol drivers, one ambulance man and two extra men.

In politics the Chief gives his allegiance to the Republican party and he is identified with various fraternal and social organizations in his native city, where his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances, if malefactors may be eliminated from the list. He is a bachelor. In Masonry he is a member of Nelson Lodge, No. 30, of Wheeling Union Chapter, No. 1, West Virginia Consistory, the Knights of Pythias, Wheeling Lodge, No. 114, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 344, Shields of Honor, No. 1, Modern Woodmen, No. 6474, Loyal Order of Moose, No. 67, the Orients and also of the Order of Owls. He enlisted in Company M, First West Virginia Regiment Volunteer Infantry for service in Spanish-American war, serving nine months, and he was then mustered out and honorably discharged.

FRANK R. SCROGGINS is president of the White Swan Laundry Company and one of the most enterprising business men of Wheeling. It is an achievement deserving much credit when a man builds up a business from modest beginnings to a point where it requires a large and efficient organization, all working together in harmonious co-operation in a service which must be performed punctually and always reaching a certain high standard. Such a business is a service typical of the needs of modern life, and the man who conducts it must have a high degree of progressive enterprise.

Mr. Scroggins' career in the laundry business began about 1888, when the demands upon this service were very limited, and its machinery and facilities were primitive. He was washerman and engineer for the oldest laundry in Wheeling, the Home Steam Laundry of Lutz Brothers, at that time located in the old skating rink in the north end of the city. With the conditions then existing one person could iron only ten shirts, whereas now, with improved machinery, thirty shirts can be ironed in the same time. After three years with Lutz Brothers he was for sixteen months engineer and washerman for the old Troy Laundry, owned and operated by Barker Brothers. He was then foreman for J. F. Potter's Wheeling Laundry up to 1895. In August of that year Mr. Scroggins organized the White Swan Laundry. A curious contradiction of an old superstition is the fact that the laundry began operation on Friday, September the 13th, and the ill-fate ascribed to that date has never manifested itself in the subsequent sixteen years. At the beginning the laundry did a business of thirty-five dollars a day. Up to 1908 Mr. Scroggins conducted the laundry alone, and then incorporated a company with fifty thousand dollars' capital, with himself as president and general manager, and John M. Brown, John L. Dickey, L. F. Stifel and Arch A. Taylor, directors. Three wagons and drivers collected and delivered all the business at first, while now nine wagons are used, and whereas Mr. Scroggins did most of the work himself at the start, eighty-one persons are now on the payroll, which amounts to six hundred dollars a week. One of the original members of the force to whom a large share of credit for the success of the business is due was Miss K. Kyser, who attended to the office with a tact and business promptness that have been among the most valuable assets of the growing concern. She is still connected with the business. Fifteen of the employes have been taken in as stockholders of the company, so that a form of profit-sharing has been introduced, and this has been another factor in the success of

the enterprise. Every machine in the plant is in duplicate to eliminate delay on account of break-downs, and a high grade of work has for years justified itself to a high class of patronage. In fact the business has assumed such large proportions that the company is casting about for a suitable location, where will be erected one of the most modern and up-to-date laundries in this part of the country.

Mr. Scroggins was born in Wheeling, January 17, 1868, and is the son of George and Caroline Scroggins. He married, in 1889, Miss Catherine Neimer, daughter of Peter and Margaret Neimer. One child was born to them, Franklin Pierce, who died at the age of five years. Mr. Scroggins is a member of the Royal Arcanum and also a member of the Fourth Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Scroggins is a member of the Catholic faith.

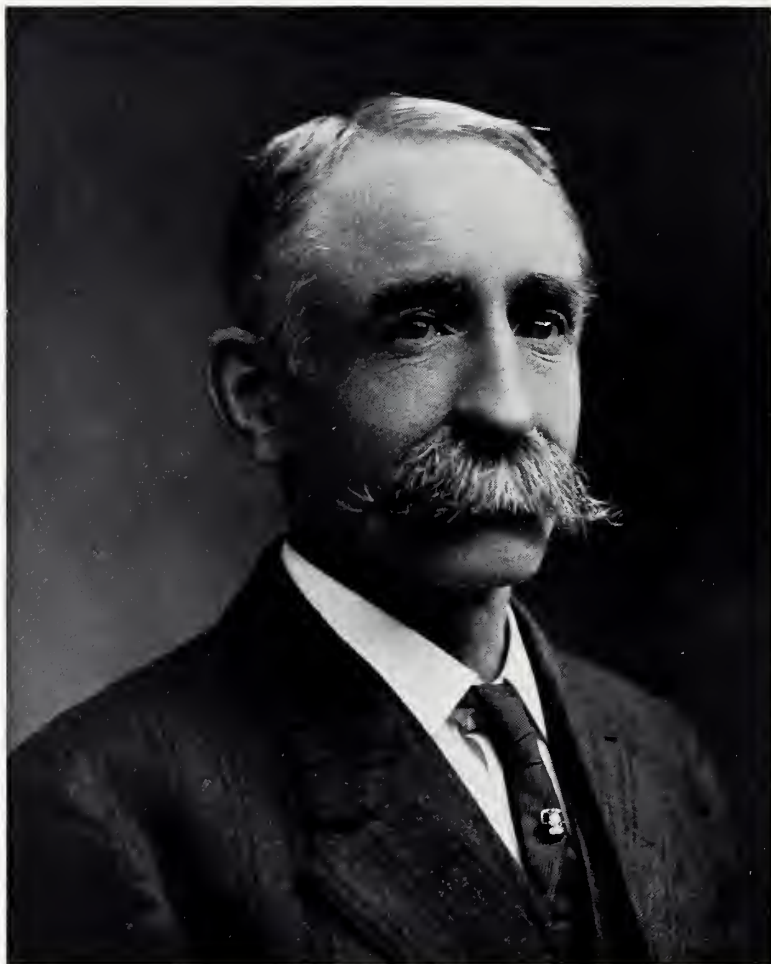
I. M. BEALL, D. O., of Bellaire, is one of the most successful doctors of this vicinity. A graduate of the osteopathic school of medicine, he has been professionally identified with Belmont county since 1900, and the demands upon his services now come from all the towns within a radius of one hundred miles of his home city. Dr. Beall is one of the practitioners whose acknowledged ability and expert work have given dignity and prestige to methods which only a few years ago were regarded as innovations in the medical world. He has done pioneer work, and his present large practice is only a fair reward for his skilful services.

Dr. Beall was born on a plantation near Atlanta, Georgia. His family, however, were originally from Ohio, where during the Civil war his father, Leander Beall, enlisted in Company A of the Twenty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and served through the rebellion as an officer in that regiment. After the war he bought a plantation near Atlanta and for ten years engaged in the pursuits of the southern planter. From Georgia he moved to the state of Missouri, where he is now living retired, having been for a number of years a prosperous farmer and contractor. His home is in Kirksville. His wife, Hannah (Armstrong) Beall, died in 1906.

Dr. Beall was reared and educated on his father's farm in Missouri, and from the country schools entered the University of Missouri, where he prepared for a professional career. He then entered the American School of Osteopathy, located at Kirksville. From this pioneer school of osteopathy he was graduated in 1900. In the same year he located in Belmont county, Ohio, establishing an office in Barnesville. Though he has since made Bellaire his home and chief place of business, he maintains his offices in Barnesville, and is called in attendance on cases in many other towns of this vicinity.

Dr. Beall is a member of the Masonic order, and his church is the Methodist Episcopal. He was married, September 5, 1906, to Miss Georgia O. Gregg, of Barnesville. They have one child, Virginia Lee.

CHARLES H. DUNCAN is proprietor of the Pearl Laundry of Wheeling and has been an active business man of this city for the past twenty years. The Pearl Laundry is one of the oldest and best conducted establishments of the kind. Its original owner was Carl Fulton, who started the laundry business about 1889, on Twenty-first street. The late John Mendel soon bought the business, and in 1894 moved it to Market street, near the bridge. In 1898 Mr. Mendel formed a partnership with his brother Harry, and the laundry was then opened in its present quarters, at 1213-17 Eoff street. On April 1, 1901, the business again passed under the sole proprietorship of John Mendell, but on the



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first of September following he took in as partner his son-in-law, Mr. Duncan. Mr. Mendel was actively connected with the business until his death, July 2, 1910, and on September 26, 1910, Mr. Duncan bought the interests of the other heirs. With each change the Pearl Laundry has increased its facilities and extended its patronage, and for a number of years its standard of work has been a valuable asset in the business. Five employes and one wagon did all the work at the beginning, and its subsequent growth is indicated by the statement that the business now requires six wagons, forty operatives, with a weekly payroll of over four hundred dollars. Most of the machinery is in duplicate, and there is every facility for first-class work.

Mr. Duncan was born at Rowlesburg, Preston county, West Virginia, July 21, 1869. When he was three years of age his family moved to Cameron, West Virginia, where he attended the public schools, and he afterwards attended the Pennsylvania State Normal School in Cambria county, graduating with the class of 1888. His business career began as traveling salesman for the firm of Waterhouse Brothers, and he left the road to engage in the laundry business. He has used enterprise and modern business methods in making the Pearl Laundry one of the best of its kind.

By his marriage to Miss Sarah, daughter of the late John Mendel, he has one daughter, Dorothy J. Mr. Duncan is a member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. NICHOLS.—A scion of one of the old and honored families of Ohio county, Mr. Nichols is here the owner of a fine landed estate, in connection with which he has been an effective exemplar of the great basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing, and he is also president of the Bank of Fulton, a solid and popular institution to which more explicit reference is made in the sketch of the life of its cashier, H. W. Campbell, on other pages of this work. Mr. Nichols is now living virtually retired in his beautiful home at Leatherwood, one of the most attractive suburbs of the city of Wheeling, and is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of his native county, within whose gracious borders he has found ample opportunity for productive effort along normal lines of industrial enterprise, by means of which he has gained a success worthy of the name. His fine farm, the old Woods homestead, is eligibly located on the Gregg, Clinton and Potomac turnpike road, at a point about five miles north-east of Wheeling, and comprises three hundred and four acres of most productive land, with permanent improvements of the best order. This is recognized as one of the most valuable landed estates of Ohio county and it has been brought up to its present high standard by its present owner, who secured the property in 1902. In addition to diversified agriculture Mr. Nichols gave special attention while on the farm to the breeding and raising of high-grade live stock, particularly the Black Top breed of sheep, and through his discrimination and progressive policies he did much to raise the standards of live stock in the county. The farm which he owns was granted to representatives of the Woods family by the Government and remained in the family possession for many years.

The father of William H. Nichols was one of the extensive landholders of Ohio county, where his estate at one time comprised about one thousand acres, and on the homestead place, four miles north of the village of Elm Grove, William H. Nichols was ushered into the world on the 15th of January, 1857. He is one of the three surviving children of William T. and Mary (DeGarmo) Nichols, both of whom

were likewise born and reared in Ohio county, where they passed their entire lives, secure in the high regard of all who knew them. William T. Nichols was a man of marked ability and through his progressive policies did much to further the industrial development and prosperity of this section of the state, his father, Hugh Nichols, having come to Ohio county in an early day from Pennsylvania. William T. Nichols was a Republican in his political proclivities and was in close accord with the cause of the Union during the climacteric period of the Civil war. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

William H. Nichols was reared to the sturdy discipline of the old homestead farm on which he was born and the most vivid recollections of his boyhood are those incident to the Civil war, which was in progress at the time, with West Virginia as a stage of much military activity between the contending forces. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native county and continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority, when he here initiated his independent career as a farmer and stock-grower, following farming for twenty years. In 1902 he purchased his present fine landed estate, to the management of which he continued to give his attention until 1908, when he turned the place over to his elder son and his son-in-law, who have since had charge of its operations, though Mr. Nichols himself still maintains a general supervision. In 1909 he became one of the organizers of the Bank of Fulton, of which he has been president since January, 1911, and in the directing of whose policies he has brought to bear his fine business powers and mature judgment. Upon his retirement from the farm he established his home in Leatherwood, where his attractive modern residence is known as a center of the genuine and unostentatious hospitality that has gained to the south so wide a reputation along this line.

As a citizen, as well as a man of affairs, Mr. Nichols is broad-minded and progressive, and he has ever stood ready to lend his support to measures and undertakings that have tended to conserve the best interests of the community, along both civic and material lines. Though he accords unwavering allegiance to the Republican party, he has never sought or desired public office. He and his wife attended and gave liberal support to the Methodist Episcopal church until about 1910, when, on account of there being no church of that denomination in their neighborhood, they have since attended the Presbyterian church.

On the 16th of December, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Nichols to Miss Mary North, who was born and reared in Ohio county and whose father, the late Captain William North, was representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have three children,—Edna is the wife of Edward Maxwell, associated with her brother in the management of her father's farm, and they have one son, Nichols; Harry E. lives with his sister and brother-in-law on the farm and is associated with the latter in active charge of its affairs; and Charles W., who remains at the parental home, is successfully engaged in business as a teaming contractor.

GEORGE B. HERVEY, superintendent of La Belle Iron Works, has been identified with the iron and steel business for so many years, and has made himself so completely master of the details of the work that one is apt to imagine that he has always devoted himself entirely to the business in which he is now engaged. Such, however, is not the case, as at the time he left school he was not able to decide what calling

he would follow as his life work. A little thing will often cause a man just entering the busy world of commerce to select a certain line of work, and something just as small may cause him to change his course. The wise man will make the change as soon as he realizes that the original choice was not the best one, while the foolish man will continue in the course in which he was started, from sheer obstinacy. Mr. Hervey belongs to the former class, and he had no sooner realized that the iron and steel business was the one suited to his capabilities and tastes than he switched into it and has traveled along with electrical speed. It is one of the laws of nature that men always find their level; if a man is qualified he cannot be kept down and, if deficient, he cannot be boosted up. Mr. Hervey is fitted to be a leader, and neither hard luck, opposition nor adversity would be able to keep him in a small place.

George B. Hervey was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, July 24, 1867, and is the son of John C. Hervey and Letitia (Alexander) Hervey. He was reared in his native county and as soon as he was of suitable age attended the public schools of Wheeling, where he early gave evidence of commercial abilities. After completing the regular public school course he entered Frasher's Business College of that city, where he completed a thorough commercial course. Immediately following his graduation from business college he entered the employ of R. G. Dun & Company, of national reputation, and traveled in the interests of this firm for the ensuing five years. He had come to the realization that the work in which he was engaged was neither best suited to his capabilities nor to his tastes, and as soon as an opportunity offered he left the employ of R. D. Dun & Company and engaged in the iron and steel business. Entering the employ of the La Belle Iron Works, his first position was that of shipping clerk, and so punctually did he perform the duties pertaining to that position and such intelligent interest did he show in regard to the prosperity of the business that he was promoted, step by step, until he became general superintendent of the plant, in which capacity he is serving today. His absolute knowledge of all the details of the business, his ability to manage the men in his employ and his grasp of the commercial situation in the iron business, have raised the La Belle Iron Works to its present standing and have placed Mr. Hervey in the front rank of those engaged in the industrial field to which he has devoted himself. During the thirteen years that he has been connected with the firm Mr. Hervey's record has been irreproachable and he has devoted himself strictly to his business, instead of turning aside to seek political or other honors—although he is naturally always interested in public affairs. His policy in business seems to be to offer the highest grade of work at the lowest prices that are compatible with a fair amount of profit, a conservative policy that is proving **effectual**.

Mr. Hervey's first wife was formerly Miss Gertrude Woodward Hughes, the daughter of J. B. and Caroline C. Hughes, of Wheeling, where the family has maintained its residence for many years, and to their union were born two daughters, Margaret Woodward, attending Rye Seminary, Long Island, New York, and Helen Hughes, deceased. Mr. Hervey again formed a matrimonial alliance, when he married Miss Emma Sophia Miller, daughter of Morris F. and Emma Miller, of Bellaire, Ohio, where they had resided for many years. Of this second marriage has been born two daughters, Helen Elizabeth and Virginia Miller Hervey.

Mr. Hervey is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in religious belief is connected with St. Luke's church. With Mr. Hervey membership in any form involves activity, and he has always

done excellent work in connection with church and fraternal order, with both of which organizations he has a high standing. Having lived in Wheeling all of his life, with the exception of those five years of travel above referred to, it is natural that he should have many friends, and, from the very nature of his personality and his character, it is small wonder that he is extremely popular in both business and social life.

H. M. HERVEY, a well known retired citizen of Elm Grove, represents the noted Hervey family which historically is one of the oldest of the upper Ohio valley and one of the most prominent in its contributions to Christian civilization in this vicinity. The family is one of the most interesting and important in the records of the achievements associated with an individual name of all those identified with the history of Wheeling and vicinity.

The record begins in the north of Ireland, where Henry and Margaret (Hutchinson) Hervey, the paternal grandparents of the above named gentleman, were born and whence they immigrated to Philadelphia in 1770. Two years later they crossed to the western slopes of the mountains and in the western wilderness became pioneers of civilization. Their settlement was in what is now Brooke county, West Virginia, and their homestead patent was signed by Patrick Henry, then governor of the Virginia colony.

In their pioneer settlement in Brooke county, on August 15, 1782, was born a son, named James. His birthplace was the "Wells Fort," near the site of Wellsburg, and he was reared on the old homestead. This original home place is still owned by a member of the family, Mr. Henry C. Hervey, a cousin of H. M. Hervey, above named. James Hervey was graduated from Jefferson College in 1810, with the degree of D. D., and was one of the one hundred theological sons of Dr. John McMillan, the father of Presbyterianism in the upper Ohio valley. Rev. James Hervey graduated from the college under the administration of Rev. James Dunlap, its second president.

It is the distinction of Rev. James Hervey that he was the first minister of any Christian denomination to hold regular services in the town of Wheeling, then a small village. He preached in a carpenter shop, sometimes in the court house, which stood in the street at what is now Tenth and Main, and also in a schoolhouse at the edge of an orchard near the present site of the second ward market. Rev. John Brice had commenced to preach at Three Ridges the second Sabbath of 1788 and received call to Three Ridges and the Forks of Wheeling in April, 1789. The church at the Forks was organized in 1787, and Rev. Brice was installed there April 22, 1790, one half of his time being given to Three Ridges. His pastoral relation was dissolved June 29, 1808. The Rev. Joseph Stevenson was ordained and installed over both congregations in June, 1809, and was released from the Forks of Wheeling in 1812. Rev. Hervey was stated supply from 1812 to April 20, 1814, when he was ordained and installed pastor of the congregations of Wheeling town and the Forks of Wheeling (Elm Grove), at a yearly salary of one hundred and sixty dollars from each congregation. His connection with Wheeling was dissolved in 1828, after which he gave three-fourths of his time to the Forks and one-fourth to West Union. The church at West Union was organized September 13, 1831. On April 17, 1832, he was installed for one-half time at West Union (now Dallas), resigning this charge in April, 1840. From April 15, 1839, the Forks of Wheeling was his sole charge until his death, September 13, 1859, after a continuous pastorate at this church for forty-eight years,



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his annual salary for the last twenty years having been four hundred dollars. On March 15, 1829, he had also organized the Wolf Run congregation with a membership of eighteen.

On December 24, 1818, Rev. James Hervey was married to Jane McKinley, daughter of William McKinley, one of the pioneers of the commonwealth at West Liberty. As a merchant of what was then the capital of Ohio county, he transported his goods, including salt, sugar, etc., on horseback from Philadelphia across the mountains. He was also a member of the legislature and while attending sessions at Richmond made the journey to and fro on horseback. He was a ruling elder of the original organization of the Presbyterian church at West Liberty until his death. The first services and the organization of the congregation at West Liberty occurred in June, 1788, and James Hughes was ordained and installed pastor April 21, 1790. The first meeting house was erected there in 1793.

Jane (McKinley) Hervey, who was born September 27, 1793, and died October 6, 1875, was the mother of eight children, as follows: Margaret, Mary, McKinley, Jane, John, James, Isabella and H. M. Of these McKinley was a college graduate and had a license to preach, but death overtook him before his career had begun. The son James was murdered in Elm Grove.

Mr. H. M. Hervey, the youngest of the family, was born on the old homestead January 12, 1836, and attended school near home, later finishing his education at Martinsburg, Ohio. Throughout his active career he was a prosperous farmer, and in 1907 came to Elm Grove, where he has since lived a retired life. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of which his father was pastor so many years. Politically he is a Republican, and he served as clerk of his township for a time.

J. R. WILSON is the pioneer laundryman of Martins Ferry and has been closely identified with the affairs of this city for the past twenty-one years. Mr. Wilson has devoted his attention largely to one line of business throughout his career, and through industry and exercise of good judgment has attained that success which is the goal of every independent, self-reliant citizen.

The Wilson Laundry was established at Martins Ferry March 4, 1890. He had learned the business and been employed several years by the Wheeling Laundry, and came from Wheeling to this city. During the first weeks of the history of this business his operating force comprised a driver and two girls. The payroll, which now aggregates eight thousand dollars a year, is distributed among seventeen persons, and three horse-wagons and one auto delivery wagon are used in the business.

Mr. Wilson was born in Fenwick, Welland county, Ontario, February 12, 1864. His father, James C. Wilson, was a landscape gardener by profession, but for many years was connected with the oil business. He was one of the pioneers of this industry, having first engaged in the business in 1859, on Oil creek, Pennsylvania. He moved again to the United States from Canada about 1879, and then continued in the oil business.

J. R. Wilson was about fifteen years old when the family came to the United States, so that his early education was received partly in Canada and partly in this country. While a young man he worked in different occupations until he got his proper course for a permanent career, and for a time was collector and canvasser for a houseful furnishing goods establishment. In his present business he has found a

congenial sphere, and the high class service which he renders to public patronage is well rewarded with personal prosperity.

Mr. Wilson is a York Rite Mason, being affiliated with the local bodies, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks order. In religion he and his family are Presbyterians. He was married, October 1, 1890, to Miss Ella C. Ryan, daughter of William and Catherine Ryan, of Dayton, Ohio. They are parents of four children: William Lithgo is a student in the Ohio State University; James Condon is connected with his father's business; John Ryan is a student in the Martins Ferry public schools, and Robert Emmett.

R. M. PEDICORD, M. D., is a prospering young physician of Elm Grove. This is his native town, to which he returned after a thorough preparation for his profession, and in a brief time has acquired a fine patronage and has a high standing both as a physician and citizen.

Dr. Pedicord was born at Elm Grove, February 7, 1883, a son of Alexander and Helen (Burt) Pedicord. His father, now a retired resident of McMechen, was born in Ohio county of West Virginia and followed farming through his active career. There were five children in the family, namely: J. C., a prosperous farmer of Washington county, Pennsylvania; H. L., superintendent of the Benwood public schools; Etta, a widow, who is now teaching in the McMechen schools; Dr. R. M.; and Nell, the wife of H. C. Moore, of Twilight, West Virginia.

Up to the eighth grade Dr. Pedicord obtained his early education in the public schools of Wheeling, and then spent two years at the West Liberty State Normal. He took his medical courses at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, where he was graduated in 1907. His appointment as interne at the Sheltering Arms Hospital gave him a year of practical experience, and he first located for practice in Raleigh county, West Virginia. He remained there only six months, when he returned to his home town.

Dr. Pedicord is an active member of the Masonic order, Wheeling Lodge No. 5, of the Knights of Pythias, the Shield of Honor, the Woodmen and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is also affiliated with the Ohio County Medical Society and with the Modern Brotherhood of America, of which he is examiner, and is health officer of Elm Grove. His church is the Presbyterian. He was married, June 2, 1909, to Miss Bessie Noel, daughter of E. M. and Mary (Crebs) Noel, of Benwood.

EDGAR W. ALEXANDER, M. D.—July 7, 1910, witnessed the passing of one of Wheeling's most prominent physicians, a man who was not only skilled in his own line, but was a thoroughly cultured gentleman and a Christian worker. In the medical profession a man's personal traits count for more perhaps than in any other line of work. Coming in contact with people when they are most susceptible to outside influences, the physician has the opportunity to speak a word here and there that will aid a man in his journey through life. Dr. Alexander's was a nature that invited confidences and he was possessed of the broadest sympathy not only with the trouble of others but with their errings.

Edgar W. Alexander was born November 6, 1857, in Belmont county, Ohio. His father was Humphrey Alexander and his mother's maiden name was Cillanne Marling. Humphrey Alexander was educated in New Athens, after which he entered the general merchandise business, being very prosperous in that line of business in the neighborhood of St. Clairsville. His father, the grandfather of Edgar W., came from

Scotland as a young man and settled near Mount Pleasant, where he became one of the prosperous farmers of his day.

Edgar W. Alexander early gave evidence of possessing an unusually alert mind, possessing many of the characteristics of his Scotch ancestors, combined with the enterprise of his American parents. He attended school in West Liberty and in West Alexander, Pennsylvania, where he received his preparatory education. His father, being a college man himself, was a firm believer in a college education where it was possible and his son went to New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, where he took a classical course, graduating in the class of 1878. This was followed by a theology course at Princeton, during which time Edgar had decided that he wanted to be a physician rather than a minister, as he had formerly planned. He went to a medical college at Cleveland, but only stayed there a short time, entering next the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with high honors. Thus fitted for his life work, he commenced practice and was wonderfully successful, as indeed a man of his knowledge and personality could not fail of being. He came to Wheeling in 1892, where he remained until his death, in 1910, having endeared himself to his patients and his associates during the years of faithful work. His first practice was as medical missionary on the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and he was sent to Persia, where he and his wife resided for ten years and where their daughter Mary was born.

On the 5th of July, 1882, the Doctor married Miss Gertrude Faris, the daughter of the Rev. W. W. Faris and his wife Elizabeth (Birch) Faris. Six children were born to the union, two now living, Mary and Harriet, who are in college. Mrs. Alexander was an ideal doctor's wife, being sympathetic and practical at the same time.

The Presbyterian church experienced a great loss in the death of the Doctor, who was one of its pillars and an elder in the church. He was a member of the local and state medical societies, taking the deepest interest in any new discoveries and always eager to contribute towards the cause of science. He was a man who could converse intelligently on almost any conceivable subject; he was a man of the broadest interests; although of course his interest was centered in his profession, yet he found time for many other things. Indeed, a broader minded man it would be impossible to find, and one who was more universally loved and respected by all who knew him.

THOMAS B. SWEENEY is a grandson of the late Thomas Sweeney, who was one of the ablest financiers and business men of Wheeling during the last century. He was born in Ireland in 1807, and came to Wheeling during his youth from Pittsburg, and from that time until his death was closely identified with some of the enterprises which are landmarks of Wheeling's commercial district. He was at one time president of what is now the Exchange Bank of Wheeling, was one of the principal officials of several glass companies and also was interested in iron manufacturing. His death in 1891, at the age of eighty-four, was sincerely mourned throughout this vicinity.

John F. Sweeney, son of the foregoing and father of Thomas B., immediate subject of this review, was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, and, after graduating from Washington and Jefferson College, in 1871, became identified with the business and commercial interests of the city. In 1887 he was appointed state manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and remained as such until his death, in 1895, at the early age of forty-three years, at which

time Thomas B. Sweeney succeeded to his position. He married Lula Bell, a native of Washington, Pennsylvania, and this union was blessed by the birth of seven children, all of whom survive. These sons and daughters, all a credit to their parentage, are as follows: Thomas B., John E. B., Julian McF., Florence, Louise S., Grace D. and Patti Mai. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church.

Thomas B. Sweeney is a native of Wheeling, like his father before him, and was born January 19, 1874. During his youth he was a student in The Linsly Institute, and he subsequently matriculated in Washington and Jefferson College, from which institution he was graduated in 1895. Upon the death of his honored father he succeeded to the state management of the Equitable Society, and this is his chief business activity at the present time.

Mr. Sweeney was married January 15, 1901, to Nellie K. Janney, a native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and their pleasant and hospitable home is shared with two children, namely: Thomas B., Jr., and John McF.

The subject of this sketch is conservative in political matters and is a member of the Board of Trade, the Fort Henry Club and the Business Men's Association. He is actively interested in all philanthropical and public spirited measures. His church is the Presbyterian. As manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York his territory covers West Virginia and parts of adjoining states.

GEORGE SUTTON MOONEY.—The modern architecture of Wheeling, so often pointed to with pride by citizens and visitors, has in numerous conspicuous examples been adorned and enlarged by the able services of the architect, George S. Mooney. Mr. Mooney has been engaged in this profession in Wheeling for a number of years, and is one of the best known architects in this vicinity.

A native of Wheeling, he was born May 30, 1875, and is a son of Richard and Priscilla Mooney. During his youth he attended the Wheeling schools, and then at an early age began acquiring the details of his profession with the firm of W. A. Wilson & Sons of this city. Success has come to him because he earned it through years of steadfast application and natural talents for the business. He had five years of practical experience in exterior building construction, then four years and four months at interior construction, followed by five years' experience in architects' offices, and for the past seven years he has been in business for himself and his work has included some of the best contracts of the city and vicinity.

Among the buildings which Mr. Mooney has designed should be mentioned the following: The St. John's Orphans' Home For Boys (Catholic), the St. Vincent's Orphan Home For Girls (Catholic), the Summer Home for the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent, and also the Greek Catholic church; the Columbia Club for the St. Alphonsus Society; the United Dairy Company's factory and depot on Sixteenth street; the Hoe & McKeever Hotel and Cafe on Market street; Sheff Brothers' store and apartment building; J. L. Steifel & Sons' calico print factory in North Wheeling; Owen McCann's store and apartment building; jail and sheriff's residence at New Cumberland, Hancock county; additions and alterations to the Ohio county court house, jail and sheriff's residence; additions and alterations to the Ohio county infirmary; the residences of W. B. Irvine at Elmwood, G. W. Norton and S. P. Norton at Highland, Dr. George L. Hill at South Warwood, Harry E. Boyd of Warwood, F. W. Mahan in Warwood, and a number of others in Wheeling and suburbs.



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A conscientious care for the best interests of his client and a reputation for successful and skillful performance of every contract have been at the bottom of Mr. Mooney's success in business. He is a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade, and in public affairs has represented the first ward in the second branch of the Wheeling Council. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is a member of the Masonic Club of Wheeling. In politics he is Republican, and his church is the Fourth Street Methodist.

Mr. Mooney was married in 1910 to Miss Emma Laura Coss, a daughter of William Alfred and Martha Coss.

PATRICK F. GILHOOLY has been connected with mining operations for almost a quarter of a century. Beginning at the bottom of the ladder, he has steadily mounted rung by rung until he now stands near the top, part owner of the old Heatherington mine. He employs twelve men, and the mine has a capacity of about one hundred tons of coal per day. High as his present position is, Mr. Gilhooly is still looking upwards, realizing that to stand still is to permit others to pass.

Patrick F. Gilhooly was born in Ireland March 15, 1863, and is the son of John and Ann (Gilhooly) Gilhooly, likewise of Irish birth. The father was a coal miner in Ireland and also in Scotland, whither he went in 1865. When he was about thirty-five years of age he came to America and remained here two and one-half years, during which time he was very successful as a miner. He made money and returned to his native land to enjoy the fruits of his labors. He reared a family of ten children, of which number two came to America.

Patrick Gilhooly, the seventh son of the family, remembers nothing of his native land, as when he was but two years old the family moved to Scotland, where he remained until he was twenty-four years old. He was educated in the Scotch schools and later followed the occupation in which his father had been engaged for so many years. When he was twenty-four years old he determined that he would come to America, where the wages paid were higher and where there was chance for a man of ability to rise. On landing in the United States he went direct to Mansfield, Pennsylvania, one of the mining districts of that section of the country. After a short time he moved to Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, and later worked on the Ohio river. From there he went to Belmont county, Ohio, and finally, in 1903, he took up his residence in Bellaire, Ohio. Previous to this time he had always worked for others, but he believed that if he were ever to realize his ambitions he must cease to be an employe and commence mining operations of his own. He formed a partnership with John D. Hall, and the two purchased the Heatherington mine, which they are operating to-day under the name of Hall & Gilhooly. During the eight years which have elapsed since he came to Bellaire Mr. Gilhooly has every reason to feel that his investment was a wise one, since the mine, under his efficient management, is steadily increasing its output.

Mr. Gilhooly is a devout Catholic, holding membership in St. John's church, and he also holds the high position of past grand knight with the Catholic order of the Knights of Columbus.

WHEELING BUSINESS COLLEGE is one of the oldest institutions of the kind in the Ohio valley, and to its influence and advantages thousands of men successful in business owe a training indispensable to high achievement.

The college was founded in 1860, bearing the name of the National Business College, under which name it was conducted, with varying success, until about 1870, when W. W. Martin assumed control, changing the name to Wheeling Business College. About the same time J. M. Frasher purchased a half interest and two years later secured the entire control. Under his management the school grew from an annual enrollment of thirty to ninety.

In 1897 a certificate of incorporation was secured and a board of directors chosen. Since then the career of the old school has been abundantly prosperous. The many important and responsible positions occupied by its graduates and the high appreciation in which their services are held by their employers are the most convincing proofs of the school's success in building up and maintaining a thorough and comprehensive business college. Besides the influences appropriate to an institution for business training the college affords its students thorough courses in English, in commercial technic, and shorthand and typewriting. Because of the number of applications made for bill clerks, the board added a department of railroad station training, the result of which has been very satisfactory.

The college has acquired a reputation for thoroughness in training, and this is the highest commendation that can be paid any institution of the kind. Two hundred students recently went from the college to practical service in many different positions and under varied conditions and not one failed in the performance of the duties required by exacting modern business.

More than a century has passed since the college was founded, but the changes in the institution have been in the line of progress, so that each year the college has been adapted to the conditions of modern commerce. The changes brought with them fresh inspirations, and though the identity of neither man nor methods is entirely preserved yet the old school has been able, under the fairest auspices, to show each year a sphere of labor still enlarged, more improved methods and higher and better intellectual and material equipments.

Mr. A. M. Stevenson, president of the Wheeling Business College, has devoted most of his life to teaching, and both as an educator and business man his own success has resulted in valuable service to his community. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1838, and his collegiate education was received in Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. During the Civil war he entered the army as a private and was promoted to the rank of captain. He is ruling elder in the United Presbyterian church.

J. C. RENNIE is one of the representative business men of Bellaire, where he is the sole proprietor of the wagon works located at Seventeenth street and Belmont. If we were to pick out the one characteristic which has more than anything else given to the United States the leading position which it now holds in the world of commerce we should select enterprise. If we were to pick out the man in Bellaire who possesses this quality to a remarkable extent we should mention J. C. Rennie, who has the ability to hustle, to bring things to pass that a less enterprising man would deem impossible.

J. C. Rennie was born on the 14th of June, 1888, in the village of Venetia, Washington county, Pennsylvania, and is the son of J. H. Rennie, a native of Glasgow, Scotland. J. H. Rennie was educated in the excellent schools of Glasgow and as a young man he immigrated to the United States and settled in Venetia, Pennsylvania, he being the



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first member of the Rennie family to come to America. J. H. Rennie engaged in the general merchandise business and also opened a furniture store in Venetia, in both of which undertakings he was eminently successful. In 1880 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, who was born in England, and to this union twelve children were born, namely: Sarah, Lillian, William, Anna, John, Charlotte, Marshall, Robert, and four who died unnamed.

J. C. Rennie, the fifth born of his parents' twelve children, passed his childhood days in his native village, where he attended the public schools and later became a student at the Peters township High School at McMurray. During his school career, although Mr. Rennie was a good scholar, his marked abilities were in the direction of technical work rather than literary or clerical. He was one of the athletic heroes of the high school and was throughout his course one of the leaders in all athletic events, but in particular did he distinguish himself in football. At one time athletics were barred out of the schools, as it was maintained that scholarship was the sufferer, but according to the modern rules, under which Mr. Rennie worked during his school career, a boy is not eligible to participate in athletics unless he is "up" in his studies. It is evident, therefore, that in spite of the time which Mr. Rennie devoted to the practice of athletics in its various branches, his scholarship was up to the required standard. On his graduation from the high school Mr. Rennie found himself equipped for the battle of life by the knowledge of three trades, that of wagon making, horseshoeing and general blacksmithing. These trades he had mastered during the summers of his high school course and he is fully qualified to make a good living at either one of these callings. As a matter of fact, however, he decided to engage in the business of wagon making, and in 1907, when he was nineteen years of age, he came to Bellaire, Ohio, which his business acumen told him would prove a good location. He bought property and built his factory, at first starting to run in a very modest fashion. His business is growing and he now employs five men, who are busy all of the time and his factory, which is now the largest of the kind in Bellaire, bids fair to require more space in the near future. That Mr. Rennie is successful is due to the fact that he is thoroughly master of his trade and in addition his personality is such that people like to trade with him.

On the 28th of November, 1909, was celebrated the marriage of J. C. Rennie and Miss Mayme Nolan, a life-long resident of Bellaire and a member of the old family of Nolan who have been living in this section of the country for so many years.

Mr. Rennie is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which denomination he was brought up. It seems remarkable that so young a man should in so short a time have gained the confidence of his fellow citizens in such a large measure as has Mr. Rennie. He is just at the beginning of his business career and if we should judge of the future by the few short years in which he has been connected with the commerce of this busy center, it is certain that he has a great future before him and that he will experience a noteworthy success.

A. S. CRAIG.—For extensive contracts, for high-grade work and for expeditious movement in the accomplishment thereof, the firm of A. S. Craig & Company, the leading contractors of Follansbee, West Virginia, cannot be surpassed, and the structures which it has erected are monuments to its members' efficiency and ingenuity. During the years it has been in business here the excellence of its work has con-

tinued the same, and the high standard set in building and construction work has not been equalled by any other firm in Brooke county.

A. S. Craig, the senior member of the firm of A. S. Craig & Company, was born in Staunton, Virginia, in 1874, and he received his education in the common schools of that village. He was the oldest son of Magnus C. B. and Lillie A. (Beck) Craig, native Virginians, and as a youth learned the trade of carpenter, taking up contracting in 1902. In 1901 he came to West Virginia, and it was his firm which erected the first house in Follansbee, where he now owns several residences and a number of building lots in various parts of the city. He employs on an average of fifteen men throughout the year, and has all the business that he can well handle. Mr. Craig's first business partner was a Mr. Exner, the firm name being Craig & Exner, and this was later succeeded by Craig & Brady, Mr. Brady taking Mr. Exner's interests. For the last several years, however, the style has been A. S. Craig & Company. Mr. Craig is as well known as a public-spirited citizen as he is as a contractor, and since his residence in this city he has been elected to the council two terms, serving efficiently and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents on both occasions. He is well known in fraternal circles, and holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Eagles.

In 1901 Mr. Craig was united in marriage to Miss Lena Withrow, who was born in West Virginia in 1879, and to this union there have been born two children: Marshall, who has reached the age of eight years, and Gladys, who is six years old. Both Mr. and Mrs. Craig have many warm, personal friends in Follansbee, where they are well known in social circles.

J. L. McMECHEN, a representative of the McMechen family which has been prominently identified with Marshall county, West Virginia, for nearly a century and a half, is a banker and one of the leading business men of the town of McMechen, which received its name from his ancestors. While not the first to settle in this section of West Virginia, the McMechens were among the first, and through their prominent connection with the life and affairs of the locality they are historically the most noteworthy of all the oldest families. Of Scotch-Irish extraction, the family immigrated to America during the early colonial period, and its members were settlers in Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 1770 one of the name crossed the mountains to the upper Ohio country about Wheeling, where the McMechens have ever since been residents. A more detailed account of the family will be found on other pages.

B. B. McMechen, the grandfather of Mr. J. L. McMechen, was owner of an estate of several thousand acres along the Ohio river, and some of this land is still owned by his grandson. To the settlers and immigrants of his day, he was known for his open-hearted hospitality, for his home was one of those oases in the wilderness where travelers stopped and received a welcome to inspire them for their subsequent journey, and where the settlers often gathered in the social intercourse of that age. Both he and his wife were held in high esteem by all who knew them. Her maiden name was Mary Blake, of Scotch parentage, one branch of which family produced the famous Admiral Blake of the British navy. B. B. and Mary McMechen had thirteen children, all of whom grew to maturity. One of them was William, father of Mr. J. L. McMechen.

J. L. McMechen was born at the town of McMechen in 1848. His father was a farmer, and he received his early training while a boy on the old homestead. Acquiring the trade of carpenter, at the age of twenty-one he became a contractor and builder, and for thirty years was successfully engaged in that business, until 1900. He is now president of the McMechen Bank and president of the McMechen Shirt Manufacturing Company. He has also been extensively engaged in the breeding and handling of some of the best horseflesh produced in this country in the track animals. He bred and reared Amie Brooks, who took the world's record in 1908 at Indianapolis, Indiana, and he also produced Clatylatas, a world beater. He owns a fine stock farm at Cadiz, Ohio, which contains a fine track and all facilities for racing, and there the Cadiz fair is held. For many years Mr. McMechen's public-spirited citizenship has been of material benefit in advancing every public good of his community. He has been for many years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and also a member of McMechen Board of Trade.

He married, in 1868, Miss Loretta Carman. They have five children: William B.; Lula A., now Mrs. Berg; Frank L.; Alice, now Mrs. Buckman, and Mary E., wife of Dr. West.

ALLAN B. PORTERFIELD.—One of the strong business men and popular citizens of Bellaire, Allan B. Porterfield is specially identified with the widely known firm of the Porterfield Plumbing Company, one of the leading houses of the kind in Ohio. The business was established by the two elder Porterfield brothers, in 1891, and at a later date Allan B. bought the interest of William, thus becoming sole proprietor. He thoroughly learned the trade with his brothers, and his successful management and development of the business have been such as would be expected from one of his experience and ability. There is no smallest detail in plumbing or gas and steam fitting which he has failed to master and added care in the choice of skilled employes have made the name of his company a stamp of reliability and durability.

Mr. Porterfield is a native of Belmont county, in which Bellaire is situated, and was born on the 31st of January, 1871, to Dr. Alonzo and Sarah (Fowler) Porterfield. The father was a practicing physician at Urbana, in the western part of the state, for a number of years before he located at Bellaire, eastern Ohio. The paternal grandfather came from Ireland, and the members of the Ohio family show the best traits of their ancestral blood.

Allan B. Porterfield was educated in the public schools of his native county, graduating from the Bellaire High School in the class of 1889. While a pupil and for some years after leaving school he was an active athlete and particularly well known in baseball circles. With the growth of his business interests he naturally was obliged to relinquish much of this activity, but has never lost his keen interest in the beau-ideal of American sports which calls for so much activity of mind as well as of body—which demands quick thought and quick action on the part of players and an especially alert mind to follow and appreciate the game. Mr. Porterfield is also identified with musical matters and organizations, and is at present a member of the Meister Band of Wheeling, in which he plays the piccolo and flute. As a fraternalist he is most prominently known in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he was elected exalted ruler in April, 1911. He was not anxious to hold the office, but his friends pushed him forward and, although he had not a little opposition, he was elected by a flattering majority. This elevation

was all the more remarkable because he has been a member of the order only since May, 1904.

In 1899 Mr. Porterfield was united in marriage with Miss Bessie Shepherd, and their children, William M. and Charles A., are still in the lower grades of the public schools. Both Mr. and Mrs. Porterfield are active members of the Methodist church.

E. A. HILDRETH.—There is no name that is more revered by the people of Wheeling than that of E. A. Hildreth, both on account of the late Dr. Hildreth and the son who still honors it—the beloved physician and surgeon whose entire life has been devoted to the welfare of others, and whose deep knowledge of human nature has taught him to look upon the errors of mankind in sorrow rather than in anger. From the time when he was a mere lad he was possessed of great determination of purpose, balanced by good, common sense, so that, although he is very positive in his views, he is most charitable towards the opinions of others and does not insist that it is necessary for them to think his thoughts in order to be right.

Even the younger residents of Wheeling remember the father, Dr. E. A. Hildreth, a man always interested in some philanthropic or scientific work, always laboring for the benefit of the city or for humanity in general. The elder physician was born at Wheeling, West Virginia, September 13, 1821, and was the son of Ezekiel Hildreth and Sallie (Zane) Hildreth, the grandfather being a native of Massachusetts. After completing his grammar and high school courses in that state of good schools he entered Harvard University, after graduating from which he came to Wheeling, a town of very small importance at that time. One of the pioneers in the settlement of Wheeling was Jonathan Zane, whose descendants are very prominent in the social and commercial activities of that city to-day. Soon after his arrival Ezekiel Hildreth, in the natural course of events, made the acquaintance of Mr. Zane, who introduced him into his family. The young man was very much drawn towards one member of the family, Miss Sally, who became his wife and the mother of E. A. Hildreth, Sr. In the absence of schools of a high class, the boy was educated by his father until he was ready to enter college. In addition to a thorough grounding on general subjects, the young man gained a very fair idea of the natural local conditions in the vicinity of Wheeling. He took long walks with his father, in the course of which he learned much about the geology of that region and predicted the great future for West Virginia that is now being realized. Although E. A. was learning much that would be of incalculable benefit to him in after years and enable him to cope with the real difficulties of life, it was, nevertheless, deemed fitting that he should leave home and associate with those of his own age; to that end he entered Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio, but at the completion of his studies at that institution he entered the Medical College of Ohio, Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in the class of 1844. During the following year he served in the capacity of resident physician at the Cincinnati Hospital, and in 1845 returned to Wheeling and commenced his private practice. For forty years he thus continued in his native town, during which period his interest in his profession never waned, but rather he felt an ever-increasing delight in the contributions which his experience enabled him to make to the cause of medical science. He was not, however, solely devoted to his profession, his heart and mind being large enough to embrace all efforts for the betterment of conditions around him. Together with W. J. Bates and James Wharton, he comprised the

first board of education in Wheeling, which body was active in the establishment of the first free schools in the south, in 1847 and 1848. For many years Dr. Hildreth was a member of this historic board, being its president in 1878 and 1879, and at all times an intelligent advocate of education and all of its most advanced interests. He was a member of the West Virginia Medical and the American Medical Societies and was the able president of the former; also held membership in the Victoria Institute of England, a scientific body whose headquarters are in England and whose object is the promulgation of universal science. In 1864 the Doctor served on the first board of directors of the West Virginia State Insane Asylum, and it was largely through his influence that the reprehensible practices which had prevailed in connection with that and similar institutions were investigated and abolished. From 1868 to 1872 he served on the Penitentiary Board of Moundsville. Indeed, he was prominently connected with so many useful activities that it would take more space than we have at our disposal to recount all of his works to public good; his private acts of charity and benevolence we shall not attempt to mention, but leave them in that privacy which it was his pleasure to maintain.

In connection with his professional life, however, we may mention further that in 1875 Dr. Hildreth was president of the Ohio County Medical Society, which first began to acquire prominence under his efficient directorship. Natural history and natural science always retained the charm for him that they had possessed when he was a boy, and in the midst of his professional and philanthropic work he found time to keep a record of the meteorologic conditions in Wheeling, commencing with 1845, when he first returned from college, and continuing until 1885, when he died.

Dr. Hildreth contributed largely to the literature of his time, writing extensively not only on the subjects connected with his profession, but on meteorology, geology and local history, in all of which branches he was considered high authority. It seems almost incredible that a man with such varied scientific and literary knowledge and qualifications should also be possessed of business ability, but such was the case. He was, in fact, an active business man, possessed of sound judgment based on accurate knowledge, and he found ample scope for his commercial genius in connection with the various companies with which he was associated. Of these it is sufficient to mention the Wheeling Steel and Iron Company and the Commercial Bank of Wheeling as examples of the great enterprises of which he was director.

Dr. Hildreth died at the age of sixty-four, on the 31st of August, 1885, having accomplished as much during his life as the combined activities of half a dozen ordinary men. His death was a loss to the entire community in whose interests he had labored so long and so indefatigably. Of the void which was left in his family no one can form any realization, but, although a quarter of a century has elapsed since he was summoned to eternal rest, his spirit still remains in Wheeling and his rich and pure mantle has fallen upon his son, who bears his name.

Dr. Hildreth was united in marriage to Miss Susan Lambdin McMechen, a life-long resident of Marshall county, the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Boggs) McMechen, both prominent in the early history of the county. To this union there were born five children, as follows: Frank Chase; Benjamin McMechen, named after his maternal grandfather; Sallie Zane, named for her paternal grandmother, who later became the wife of W. S. Brady, a well-known resident of Wheel-

ing; Dorrie (Mrs. F. G. Kammerer); and E. A. Hildreth, Jr. It is of the last mentioned son that we wish to speak.

E. A. Hildreth (II) was born on the 10th of July, 1864, at Wheeling, West Virginia, and received his preliminary education in the schools which his father had helped to inaugurate. He obtained both his general and his medical education in various institutions of Wheeling, Philadelphia and New York, and three years after the death of his father assumed the practice of that revered man and physician, whose work and reputation he has faithfully, lovingly and ably maintained in the conduct of his own broad and active life since 1888. The Doctor is a member of the Wheeling Medical Society and of the Ohio County Medical Society (president in 1892), and also holds membership in the West Virginia State Medical Association and in the American Medical Association. He is thus connected with all of the prominent medical organizations, both local and national, and, even as he is thus continuing the work begun by his father in regard to the medical profession, he has also been of great assistance in connection with the educational matters of the city. He served on its board of education for a period of seven years, during which time he was active in the promotion of the high school in Wheeling and in the establishment of manual training in the public schools. There is no one on the board who has rendered more active or more valuable service than Dr. Hildreth, who is only just released from connection with the board at the last primary election, when a candidate of the opposite political party was put in his place, thus giving the Doctor more leisure to devote to his other interests. The professional duties of Dr. Hildreth have been many and varied, for in addition to his large private practice he was physician of the City Hospital of Wheeling from 1891 to 1908, and surgeon of the same institution from 1908 to the present time. Although he has always considered himself a general practitioner, his abilities in the surgical line have become so marked that he is considered somewhat of a specialist in surgery by his professional brethren.

In 1892 Dr. Hildreth's marriage was solemnized with Jane Neave, the daughter of Sobieski and Mary (Caldwell) Brady, both father and mother being life-long residents of West Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Hildreth became the parents of four sons and four daughters, each of whom is trained to fit his own particular niche in the world and to do the work which is peculiarly his own.

The directorship of the Commercial Bank of Wheeling is still in the Hildreth family, as Dr. Hildreth, the son, was appointed in his father's place. He is also a director of the Fostoria Glass Company at Moundsville. To speak words of praise of the services which the Doctor is rendering the community would be superfluous, in that his deeds speak for themselves. Such encomiums would, moreover, be distasteful to Dr. Hildreth, who seeks at all times to avoid publicity, but desires only to serve God and his fellow-men to the best of his ability—an ambition which is day by day being realized.

ALEXANDER CALDWELL.—Although there are no citizens of Wheeling who remember Alexander Caldwell personally, there are few who are not familiar with his name, which is known as that of the first judge of the United States court in Western Virginia. There is no lawyer who does not revere Judge Caldwell, nor would a history of this locality be complete without some account of this eminent man whose rulings were so wise and just and whose descendants are today so prominent in that section of West Virginia.

Alexander Caldwell was born in the state of New Jersey, November 1, 1774, and was the son of James and Elizabeth (Alexander) Caldwell, the mother being of ancient Scotch lineage. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell came to the beautiful country about Wheeling creek, where, by virtue of land patents, they took possession of eight hundred acres of land running from that stream to Boggs line, or what is now known as Caldwell's run. The year 1772 marked Mr. Caldwell's advent in West Virginia, where he made the first settlement in the vicinity of Wheeling. Five years later, in 1777, he was made one of the gentlemen justices of the first Ohio court, the county seat being at that time at Black Cabin, now West Liberty.

Combining the names of his father and his mother, Alexander Caldwell was possessed of the stanch qualities of each, and the first few years of his life were passed on the farm which his parents had bought shortly before his birth. He was early required to perform those duties which are exacted from a boy on a farm, but soon gave evidence of possessing a mind which demands education, even as the body craves food; to him the acquiring of knowledge was a necessity, not a luxury. The schools in his boyhood days were of a very inferior quality compared with our modern seats of learning, but none-the-less they were able to turn out men who have left their records in the world's history. After obtaining a thorough grounding in the essentials of education, Alexander Caldwell graduated from the college at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1797, having pursued a full classical course. Later he entered the office of Philip Doddridge, the noted lawyer of Westville, under whose efficient preceptorship he laid the groundwork of a solid legal equipment. In 1816 Mr. Caldwell was admitted to the bar of Wheeling, but he remained in Wellsville for two years after that time, moving then to the state of Missouri, where he practiced his profession for two years; but he felt so strongly drawn to the home of his birth that in 1820 he turned to the town where he had spent his boyhood days and which had been growing rapidly since those times. Establishing practice in Wheeling, for upwards of twenty years he was identified with the profession there, his entire legal career being characterized by the strictest uprightness and broadest ability. Five years after his return to Wheeling he received tokens of the high standing he had attained by his elevation to the bench as the first Judge of the United States court in Western Virginia, his commission bearing the signatures of John Quincy Adams and Henry Clay—a document which is still preserved with commendable family pride.

Soon after Judge Caldwell's arrival in Wheeling, in 1820, he built the large house, a part of which is still standing, on the corner of Eoff and Thirteenth streets. The Judge's friends loved to relate an event incident to the visit of Lafayette to Wheeling in 1824. They say that on landing from the boat which brought the General and his party from Cincinnati, he was introduced to the authorities of the city by Andrew Stewart of Pennsylvania, after which Judge Caldwell addressed the visitors on behalf of the citizens of Wheeling. Those who heard the speech never forgot it because of its practical nature and the beautiful language with which his ideas were clothed. Indeed the Judge was noted for his oratorical gifts, as well as for his wise and just rulings while on the bench.

The space is too limited in this book to give more than a cursory glance at the professional life of the Judge, but a few words in regard to his private life may not be out of place. On the second day of February, 1803, Mr. Caldwell was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Jane

Halsted, a resident of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Mrs. Caldwell was well-fitted by nature and by education to be the wife of such a man, with whom she lived in the closest sympathy and broad helpfulness all the years of their married life—years that were blessed by the birth of nine children, all of whom lived to maturity and have become identified with the later history of Wheeling. Their names are as follows: Louise, who married S. Scovil; Jane, who became the wife of Charles Neave; Halsted, named after his mother, who married Ellen McMechen; Joanna, who was Mrs. Moses Good; Ann, who married William Davison; Alexander, Margaretta and Elizabeth, who died single; and Mary Elizabeth, who married Sobieski Brady.

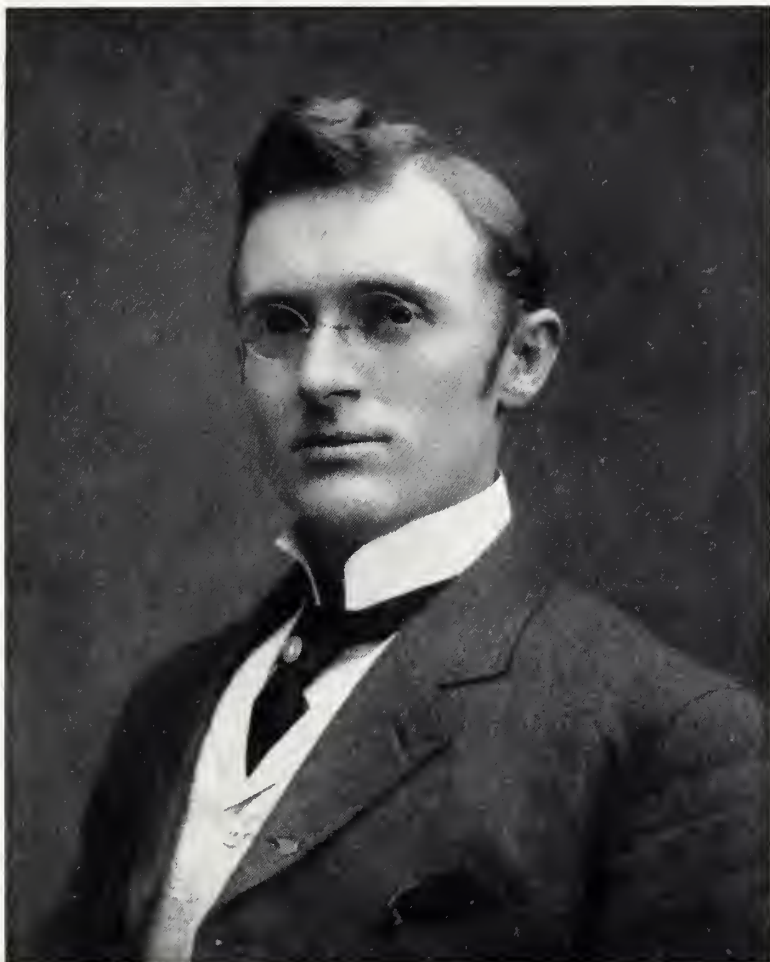
Judge Caldwell was a liberal supporter of St. Matthews Protestant Episcopal church, of which he was a member for nineteen years; nor did he confine his charities to the poor fund of the church, but gave to all worthy objects, basing his gifts solely on personal need and worth. His was such a nature that people always felt sure of a sympathetic reception if they came to him with their troubles, and many a man without money, in need of legal service, has received the benefit of his knowledge and sound judgment, notwithstanding the fact that the Judge would never receive other compensation than the offerings of a grateful heart. Indeed so much was it a habit with him to help the needy that he was called the "poor man's friend," a title which he prized more than the judicial one which had been bestowed on him by John Quincy Adams and Henry Clay.

On the first day of April, 1839, Judge Caldwell died, mourned by all who knew him. He had many acquaintances in Wheeling and its vicinity, but the number who were admitted to the inner circle of intimacy were few; he had the faculty of gaining the confidence of others and of drawing friends to him, but he on his part did not make confidences, nor did he regard many as his close friends. It is now more than seventy years since that great man passed on into the life eternal, and his children, too, have all followed him, but the vital fact of such a life is that the soul, the inspiration which it was to others, remains in the world to bless and to uplift. That influence lives today, and, even when the man himself is forgotten, the inspiration still remains.

RICHARD H. WILSON, M. D., as a physician and surgeon, has been closely identified with Martins Ferry for the past thirteen years, and in his professional capacity has rendered much service both to individuals and to the community at large. A man of broad views, a talented professional man, and of public-spirited citizenship, he has been throughout his residence here an influential factor in community life and affairs.

The present City Hospital of Martins Ferry is Dr. Wilson's most noteworthy enterprise. He built the hospital on North Third street in 1904 and for three years conducted it as a private hospital. Its service became so valuable to the city as a whole that an association was organized to conduct it as a city institution. It was sold to the Martins Ferry Hospital Association and is still conducted by that excellent organization. The hospital maintains thirty-five beds and the service of seven nurses.

Dr. Wilson was born near Dallas, West Virginia, April 22, 1874. His early education was received at Dallas and at Morgantown, and he prepared for his profession in the Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, where he graduated M. D. with the class of 1898. In the same year he located at Martins Ferry and soon acquired a large clientage.



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Dr. Wilson is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Kittle) Wilson, both of whom represented families that were among the early settlers about Dallas.

Dr. Wilson affiliates with the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He was married, June 3, 1903, to Miss Edith Maskrey, daughter of A. J. Maskrey of Martins Ferry. They have one child, Richard Maskrey Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Episcopal church. Dr. Wilson is a member of the Belmont County Medical Society, also of the State and American Medical Association, and he makes a specialty of the surgical branch of the profession.

BICKERSTAFF & COLEMAN is a well-known business firm of Wellsburg, and their woodworking plant is one of the oldest industries of the city. They are proprietors of a planing mill and manufacturers of doors, sash and frames, patterns and all kinds of regular and custom woodwork. Another department of their business is the raising and moving of buildings. They are both experts in this line, and they have supplied customers at Wellsburg and vicinity for many successive years.

Mr. Isaac C. Bickerstaff, the senior partner of this firm, has been engaged in the business at Wellsburg for thirty-five years and is a substantial, public spirited citizen. He was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1847. His early experiences were along what was at the time one of the great avenues of transportation of the middle west, the Ohio river, and he was employed in the river commerce. A few years later he located at Pittsburg and acquired a more substantial trade, that of patternmaker, which has been the basis of a long and successful career. As a journeyman in this trade he worked in various places and for awhile was at Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1867 he settled permanently at Wellsburg and established the business which has been developed in subsequent years to an important industry. His present partner, Mr. David L. Coleman, has been connected with the business since 1886, as an employe for several years and as a partner since 1892. They employ two engines in supplying power for their machinery, which is kept running every day to keep pace with the orders.

Mr. Bickerstaff has taken much interest in the civic progress of his community and has done active work in this direction as a member of the city council. Fraternally he is a member of the uniform rank of Knights of Pythias and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been twice married. His first wife, whom he married in 1869, was Miss Julia Cox, who died without children. In 1884 he married Miss Blanche Stewart, and they are parents of three children, William, Ira and Paul.

Mr. David L. Coleman, the junior member of the firm, was born in Brooke county, West Virginia, in 1862. His parents, DeWitt C. and Elizabeth Coleman, were well-known residents of the county. After receiving a practical education in the local schools he began learning the trade of woodworker and is one of the most skillful men in this line in the state. He is an excellent patternmaker, and his services have often been required in complex and artistic productions from wood materials.

He is one of the leading representatives of the Carpenters' Union of Wellsburg. A skillful musician, he is also a member of the Musicians' Union. He was deprived of the companionship of his wife by death in 1910. She was Miss Harriett Sharratt, and they were married in 1892. Mr. Coleman's father died in 1868, when the former, who was the oldest of the four children, was six years of age.

JOHN COLEMAN.—Numbered among the representative business men of his native city, where he is president and manager of the John Coleman Company, which conducts two well-appointed and thoroughly equipped drug stores in Wheeling, Mr. Coleman is entitled to consideration in this history as one of the loyal and public spirited citizens of the beautiful metropolis of West Virginia and as one who is ever ready to extend his aid in the furtherance of civic and material advancement—the upbuilding of “Greater Wheeling.”

John Coleman was born at the old family homestead at the corner of Eighteenth and Wood streets, Wheeling, on the 10th of November, 1864, and is a son of George and Barbara (Pappert) Coleman. The former was born in Hesse, Germany, December 12, 1833. He embarked from Bremen in 1854 for this country and arrived in Philadelphia, whence he came directly to Wheeling. After a number of years he located at the corner of Eighteenth and Wood streets and for the space of twenty years engaged in the retail grocery business. The demise of this estimable citizen occurred in 1899. Besides the immediate subject of this review a daughter, Mrs. Clara Schnupp, survives him. Mr. Coleman was a life-long member of St. Alphonsus Catholic church and was devoted to the interests of the Democratic party.

John Coleman secured his early educational discipline in the parochial and public schools of Wheeling and supplemented this by an effective course in St. Vincent College, at Latrobe, Pennsylvania. After thus serving an apprenticeship in Wheeling and Philadelphia drug stores he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and was graduated from that institution in 1885. Returning to his native city two years later, he entered the drug business for himself, at the corner of Twenty-sixth and Chapline streets, and three years later moved his business to his own building at the corner of Chapline and Twenty-fifth streets. In 1905 a corporation was formed, taking into partnership several of his employes, and in 1910 another store was purchased in the heart of the city, at the corner of Sixteenth and Market streets. Mr. Coleman is president and manager of the corporation. He is one of the leading representatives of this line of enterprise in Wheeling and has effectually kept abreast of all the latest developments in his science. He is also a member of the directorate of the Quarter Savings Bank, one of the stanch financial institutions of Wheeling, where he is also a director of the Home Fire Insurance Company. He shows a lively interest in all that touches the social and material well-being of the community and is a valued member of the Associated Charities and Local Tuberculosis Society, besides which he is a member of the board of trustees of St. Alphonsus Orphanage. Though never imbued with aught of desire for political preferment, Mr. Coleman accords stanch allegiance to the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are zealous and devoted communicants of the Catholic church, in which they are members of the parish of St. Alphonsus church, of which he is treasurer. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also holds membership in the German Columbia Club and the Carroll Club. He is a popular factor in both business and social circles in his native city, where he has so ordered his course as to retain the unequivocal confidence and esteem of all who know him.

On the 4th of October, 1888, Mr. Coleman was united in marriage to Miss Rose Miller, who was born and reared in Wheeling, where her father is a representative merchant, engaged in the retail grocery business at 301 Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have five children—George, Leo, Clara Rose, Marie and Regina—and the family is one of

prominence in connection with the best social activities of the community.

CLIFFORD L. BELT, the promising young lawyer in Bellaire and its present city attorney, although he has already made a record for himself in the legal profession and in the political world, is so young a man that it is probable he has a long life of professional labor before him. The twentieth century pays its highest wages to its thinkers and is always searching for shrewder men, so that the younger men are constantly coming to the front. Mr. Belt realizes that if he would keep his work up-to-date he must keep his mind up-to-date, and he loses no opportunity to enlarge his viewpoint and increase his knowledge.

Mr. Belt is a native of Ohio, born July 16, 1887, in Woodsfield, Monroe county, that state. His parents also claim Ohio as their birth place; the father's nativity occurred in Monroe county, where his ancestors had settled in 1811 on their immigration to America from England. C. L. Belt received an academic education, and forthwith commenced to teach, continuing in the profession until very recently, when he followed his son Clifford to Belmont county, Ohio, and there lives a retired life.

Mr. Clifford L. Belt received his preliminary educational training in the schools of his home town, and after he had completed the high school course he matriculated at the Ohio Northern University and was graduated from the law department of that institution in 1902. He showed his abilities at the bar examination, as he passed at the head of a class of twenty-one. The following year he took up his residence in Bellaire, where he commenced the practice of law. Clients speedily followed, and he soon found his time fully occupied by private practice. He was, however, a politician as well as an attorney, and the Democratic party had need of men of his calibre. The result was that he was the Democratic nominee for the office of city attorney and was elected to that office in 1909 and again in 1911, without opposition. He is doing excellent work, thereby fitting himself for any other honors which his fellow citizens may desire to bestow on him.

On October 4, 1910, Mr. Belt married Miss Carrie L. Neff, of Bellaire, Ohio. He is a member of the Masonic fraternal order and of the Knights of Pythias, and also holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In church, fraternal and public life he has a high standing, such as his sterling qualities and brilliant attainments merit.

H. S. MCFADDEN, a successful contractor and builder at Glendale, has been one of the progressive citizens of this suburban town since 1904. His entire career has been devoted to his business, and on the basis of skillful work and faithful performance of every undertaking he has acquired all the patronage which he can attend to and enjoys the substantial regard of his associates and fellow citizens.

He was born at Mechanicsville, Clarion county, Pennsylvania, in 1858, representing one of the old families of that region. His parents were J. J. and Mary A. (McCulloch) McFadden. His father was born in Clarion county and his mother in Jefferson county of that state. Among the ancestors of his mother was the famous Major Samuel McCulloch, an Indian fighter who helped subdue the wilderness in the upper Ohio valley, and who is the celebrated figure of a picturesque incident of the Indian wars, during which he leaped for life from the top of Wheeling Hill. J. J. McFadden and wife were the parents of

eight children, of whom H. S. was the fifth. The mother also had three children by a previous marriage.

Mr. H. S. McFadden was reared and attended school at Brookville, Jefferson county, and then learned his trade under his father, who was likewise a carpenter. After a period of work as a journeyman he took up contracting and building, and has followed this business for the last twelve years, in addition to working at the bench with his employes. The beautiful home at Glendale in which he lives was erected by him, and a number of other buildings in this locality testify to his ability.

In November, 1894, Mr. McFadden married Miss Lillie M. Dietz. She is a native of Moundsville. They are the parents of three children—Guy D., E. E. and Ruby B.

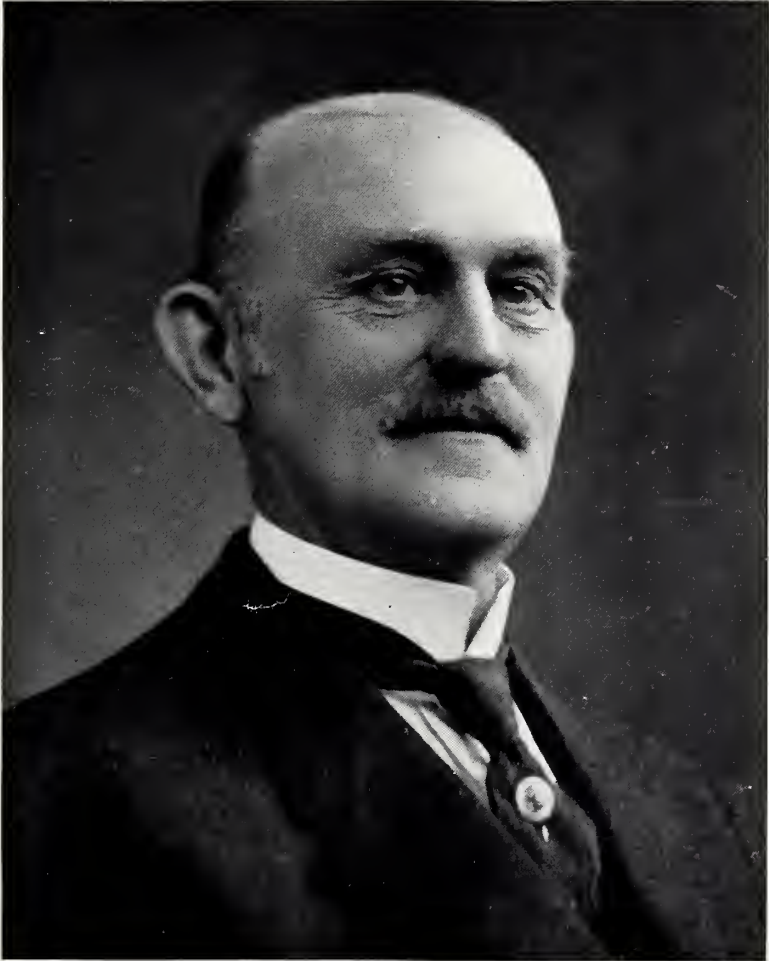
ALEXANDER CLEMENS BRANUM.—Bridgeport is fortunate in the possession of an efficient postmaster and one who holds the duties of his office of greatest importance. The office is in the second class of offices, and Postmaster Branum has the assistance of three clerks and two rural deliveries. He has held the office since 1908, having been appointed by President Roosevelt, and his administration of local postal affairs has been marked by several improvements.

Mr. Branum was born near St. Clairsville, Ohio, on the 28th day of September, 1851, but he is virtually a native son of Bridgeport, as he was brought here by his parents when only six months old. He is a son of Alexander and Lydia A. (Lash) Branum, and through his father he comes in contact with that splendid Teutonic stock which has proved one of the most admirable sources of American immigration. Alexander Branum came to America about the year 1837 and married in this country. He came to Bridgeport and embarked in the wholesale grocery business, in which he continued until the time of his demise, which occurred in 1886. This business was subsequently conducted by the subject and his brother, Horace Greely Branum, until the year 1902, when the business was closed out.

Alexander Branum and his wife were the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters. The oldest brother, John M., was a first lieutenant in the Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was killed at the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, in 1865. Alexander P. is deceased. Powell D. is in the wholesale grocery business in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Branum's previous career has been in the retail and wholesale grocery business. For half a dozen years prior to his assumption of his present office he was traveling salesman for the Neil Grocery Company, a wholesale grocery firm. In addition to his other interests he is a director in the First National Bank of Bridgeport, and as a public-spirited citizen he concerns himself with all those measures and projects likely to result in the attainment of the greatest general good. He takes no small amount of interest in his Masonic relations, and exemplifies in his own living those ideas of moral and social justice and brotherly love for which the order stands. He is a Royal Arch Mason and is well-known in the time-honored fraternity. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Wheeling Lodge, No. 28.

On the 20th day of February, 1874, Mr. Branum was united in marriage to Miss Clara Carnes, of Bridgeport, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Tiernan) Carnes. This happy union has been blessed by the birth of four children—Carrie, Frank, Lyde and Clem.

J. M. S. HEATH, M. D., one of the most progressive of the physicians of Bellaire, has made an excellent record for himself dur-



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ing the nine years of his residence in the city. Brilliant member of the profession that he is, he realizes that he has so far gained his knowledge from the observations that scientists have made in the past, and that there is as much to be learned from his contemporaries' experiences as he has already learned from his predecessors in the medical profession, and he is careful to keep his mind up-to-date, in order that his work may also be progressive.

Dr. Heath was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1870, and is the son of Asa and Sarah (Snee) Heath. Asa Heath was also a native of Allegheny county, where his birth occurred in 1840. He was educated in the schools of his neighborhood and later became a farmer, conducting a farm in his home county.

The Doctor's preliminary training was obtained in the country schools near his home among the mountains. Following his high school course he entered the Western University, now the University of Pittsburgh, and later matriculated in the medical department of the Pittsburgh University, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1900. He forthwith commenced his medical practice in Finleyville, Pennsylvania, and in 1902 he removed to Bellaire, where his abilities received immediate recognition. He now has a large private practice and in addition is medical examiner for the Mutual Life Insurance Company and for the Home Life Insurance Company, as well as surgeon at the Carnegie Steel Works at Bellaire, where he looks after twelve hundred men.

In 1896 Dr. Heath married Miss Carrie Apgar, of High Bridge, New Jersey, and to this union four children were born—Wilna, in high school; Raymond, who died at the age of two years; Mildred, who only lived to be nine months old; and Elizabeth.

The doctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in a fraternal way is affiliated with the Masonic order, holding membership with Bellaire Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 267, Bellaire; with Bellaire Chapter No. 107; Bellaire Council No. 87; Hope Commandry No. 26; and with Lake Erie Consistory at Cleveland, Ohio. He is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Eagles, and is a member of the Belmont County Medical, the State Medical and the American Medical associations. His politics are Democratic. He stands high in his social relations, but his interest in them is subservient to the exactions of his professional life.

JOHN H. RENNARD, like many citizens of Wheeling, was born in Ohio (Noble county), on the 23rd of February, 1876. He is a son of Benjamin and Margaret (McConnell) Rennard, both of whom were born in the city of Wheeling. The father followed the business of barrel and tub manufacturing during the major part of his active career and is now living at New Comerstown, Ohio.

John H. Rennard received the greater part of his education through self-application, burning the midnight oil without the aid of regular scholastic discipline. He attended the public schools of New Comerstown, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and later resumed his studies in the schools of Wheeling, to which city his parents removed when he was about nine years of age. In 1899, he became a student in the Ohio State University at Columbus, but did not complete the full academic course in this institution.

At thirteen, Mr. Rennard left the public schools of Wheeling to serve an apprenticeship at pressing in the old Wheeling pottery. After this he served in various capacities at the National Tube Company,

Wheeling Electric Company, and municipal electric light plant of Wheeling.

In 1901 he joined the reportorial staff of the *Wheeling News*. His natural aptitude for journalistic work won him rapid promotion. As a police reporter he distinguished himself by his original style of chronicling the daily doings of vags and jags in rhyme, under the heading "Poems of the Pinched." His last regular newspaper work was done as news editor of the *Wheeling Intelligencer*. His experience as reporter and editor well fitted him for his next position, that of advertising manager for the Palace Furniture Company, the duties of which he assumed in the fall of 1905.

A career covering such a wide range of activities—from common laboring to editing a newspaper, brings one in contact with many phases of struggling humanity. It is the knowledge of human nature thus acquired that peculiarly fitted him to write appealing advertisements. His ability to do this soon earned him a clientele among local merchants which resulted, in 1907, in his establishing an advertising agency, under the corporate name of John H. Rennard Company. This at first modest beginning has developed into a recognized national agency, with several large manufacturers in West Virginia and Ohio for its clients.

Mr. Rennard has taken an active interest in all that has tended to advance the prosperity and upbuilding of Wheeling. He is a member of the directorate of the Wheeling Board of Trade and also of that of the Wheeling Business Men's Association, in the work of each of which he has been very active. He is also identified with the West Virginia Horticultural Society and the Eastern Fruit Growers' Association.

On the 11th of June, 1903, Mr. Rennard was united in marriage to Miss Katherine W. Hannan, daughter of George G. and Lydia A. (Wheeler) Hannan.

Mr. Hannan, who is now deceased, was one of Wheeling's leading business men, having been one of the incorporators of the Mutual Savings Bank and identified with some of the city's most successful enterprises.

GEORGE W. ECKHART, cashier of the Peoples Bank of Wheeling, West Virginia, was born in the City of Wheeling. He attended common schools, and his first work was in the Stone & Thomas dry goods store, as clerk and assistant bookkeeper. He remained there five years, and was then made secretary and treasurer of the North Wheeling Glass Company, while in 1874 he accepted a position as receiving and paying teller in the National Bank of West Virginia. In 1879 he was appointed bookkeeper and teller of the Peoples Bank and in 1880 was promoted to the cashiership, holding this position to the present time. He is a stock-holder in the Wheeling Steel and Iron Company, the Neuralgyline Company and also in the Hicks & Hoge Dry Goods Company, and is a director and stock-holder in several other corporations. He belongs to the American Bankers' Association, to the State Bank Association, the Business Men's Association, to the Board of Trade and is a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Eckhart married, in 1869, Carrie L. Mabis, a daughter of Charles and Albertius (Franzheim) Mabis. Their two children are: Estella, wife of H. F. Behrens, and Henry L., who is in the employ of the Peoples Bank as teller. In politics Mr. Eckhart is conservative.

THE HON. S. R. HANEN is one of the best known and most trustworthy citizens of Marshall county, where he has resided for more than half a century. During the course of his career he has interested him-

self in so many phases of life that it is small wonder his acquaintance is wide-spread. The farmers in the community look upon him as an agriculturist of ability and success; his work in the scholastic field was characterized by a tactfulness which made him an excellent disciplinarian; his army career was pervaded by such daring and bravery as won him both glory and honor; as a writer, literary men consider him both talented and fluent; in his political life force and eloquence vied for supremacy with his executive ability; in his commercial operations he was considered a business man of soundest judgment; and in his private life his whole being is permeated by the rectitude of all his doings. We feel that eulogies might truthfully be written in relation to Mr. Hanen's many-sided nature, but such would be distasteful to the gentleman himself and we will content ourselves with a recital of the facts in his life.

On October 24, 1839, Mr. S. R. Hanen made his first appearance in this world in Scioto county, Ohio, from which place his parents removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania, when he was only one year old. He was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools, prepared through his home and school life for a future of usefulness. He determined to engage in agricultural pursuits, but for various reasons his operations were postponed for many years. Shortly before he had attained his majority he left his home and took up his residence in West Virginia, where he taught school for a couple of years. Those were dark days, when the Union for which his forefathers had fought so nobly and had established so substantially was threatened to be torn by seceding states. He offered himself as a willing sacrifice to the Federal army and was enrolled as a member of Company I of the Third West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, enlisting for the term of three years. In the course of these years he was promoted to the rank of a non-commissioned officer, in recognition of meritorious conduct in face of the enemy. In January, 1864, he re-enlisted and was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in November of that year, and three months later was commissioned first lieutenant. Lieutenant Hanen was wounded at Ashley's Gap, while on scout duty; he wore a gray uniform, that he might avoid notice by the enemy, and the wound came from one of his own men, who mistook him for a rebel. He participated in many small battles, skirmishes and scouting parties. He performed staff duty under General A. J. A. Lighthouse and subsequently had charge of the court that tried Mrs. Suratt, guarding them with a squad of sixty-five soldiers lest they should be tampered with or assassinated during the trial proceedings. In July, 1865, he resigned his commission, after seeing four and a half years of active service, and on his return to civil life he re-entered the school room and taught for several years.

From 1870 to 1873, inclusive, he was the editor of the *Moundsville Reporter*, where he proved himself as ready with the pen as with the gun. He later spent a few years in the manufacture of agricultural implements, himself president of the company in which he was a heavy stockholder, ready and qualified to perform all kinds of needed work, from clerical labor to traveling salesman. In 1872 he was elected to the office of county superintendent of schools, in which capacity he served until 1876, fulfilling the duties which the office involved in the most satisfactory manner. When he subsequently moved to his three-hundred acre farm he was not permitted to go into retirement, but was elected to represent his county in the legislature. He served in 1888, again in 1890 and even survived the generally dreaded third term and was elected Speaker of the lower house in 1897, and was appointed one of a com-

mittee of eighteen to prepare amendments to the State Constitution. He recalls three special sessions of the legislature being called.

Lieutenant Hanen has always preserved his interest in his former companions at arms and in 1907 he gave a dinner to Post No. 77, Grand Army of the Republic, the J. Elmore Post, named in honor of the first soldier from Marshall county, West Virginia, who lost his life during the Civil war. The Hon. Mr. Hanen had conceived the idea of erecting a monument in Moundsville, the county seat, that would perpetuate the memory of the West Virginia soldiers from Marshall county, and at this dinner he propounded the scheme to his fellow members. The matter was thoroughly discussed and finally presented to the county court, which donated a sum of five thousand dollars, sufficiently large to defray the cost of building a fitting tribute to the veterans of Marshall county. The work was commenced immediately and May 29, 1908, it was complete and dedicated. The monument stands twenty-eight feet high and is flanked by two six-pound cannon, obtained from the Government by special act of Congress.

In 1864 the Hon. Mr. Hanen was united in marriage with Miss Margaret J., daughter of Absolom and Ruth Titus. To this union was born one daughter, Blanche, who cost her mother's life, and she herself did not survive her fourteenth year. In 1870 he married his former wife's sister, Miss Elizabeth A. Titus, who also became the mother of one daughter, Mary G. She reached maturity, married Dr. L. S. Riggs, bore him two children and then passed away in 1903.

In regard to the religious views of Mr. Hanen he has for years been a member of the Christian church, active in its work, as in all else with which he has any connection, and is revered by all who come within the sphere of his genial, sympathetic presence.

JAMES E. DOYLE, for many years prominent in the business and public life of Marshall county, is now United States marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia. His residence is at McMechen, where he is an influential factor in business, and had the honor of filling several local offices before his appointment to the federal service. From 1897 to 1900 he filled the office of sheriff of Marshall county, and from 1906 to 1907 was mayor of McMechen. His appointment as United States marshal occurred in January, 1910, he having received the appointment at the hand of President William H. Taft.

Mr. Doyle was born in Marshall county, October 3, 1856, and represents an old family of the county. His parents, William and Rebecca (Piatt) Doyle, were settlers here about 1830. Of their two children, James E. is the only one living. He was reared and educated in Belmont county, Ohio and when still a boy moved to Benwood, where he was in the employ of the Wheeling Steel and Iron Company up to 1896. After his election to the office of sheriff he resigned his connection with the company. He has been interested in some of the larger enterprises of this vicinity, including the building and completion of the Cumberland & Western Port trolley line. He has been engaged in the real estate business to the extent of about thirty thousand dollars, and is vice president of the McMechen Bank.

In 1877 he married Miss Elizabeth Quigley. Seven children were born to them, named as follows: William, Earl, Jessie, Rosella, Carrie, Elwood and Luella. Mr. Doyle has fraternal membership with the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders, and in the latter was a member of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia in 1885.



James E Doyle.

CLARK G. SCHAFER is assistant postmaster and manager of the **Western Supply Company** at Glendale. He is highly esteemed as one of the progressive young business men of his community, and throughout his active career his work has given the highest satisfaction to his associates and superiors. His connection with the mercantile firm above named in their store at Glendale began in 1906.

His native town is Ballsville, Ohio, where he was born January 3, 1878, the son of George and Louise Schafer, well-known citizens of that community. His father has been dead some years, but his mother is still living. There were eleven children in the family, Clark G. being the seventh.

Reared and educated in his native town, he prepared himself for teaching, and was engaged in that profession six years, with a success which would have brought him larger honors in the work had he chosen to continue as an educator. He turned from that to business, and in 1906 was given the large responsibility of managing the branch business at Glendale.

Mr. Schafer is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church of McMechen, where he resides, and is also a member of the Brotherhood of the church. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Protected Home Circle.

In 1902 he was married to Miss Anna L. Brown, daughter of David and Ada Brown. They have had three children: Harold, Chester and Wilma, but Chester is deceased.

HENRY BALZER is manager of the K. Balzer Brewery at Wheeling, one of the oldest and best establishments of its kind in the country. It is the only exclusively ale and porter brewery in Wheeling, and its product has long enjoyed an enviable reputation, and the business has been conducted in such a way as to elevate the brewing profession.

The late Morris Balzer was the founder of this brewery. A man of solid integrity and deeply versed in the brewing art, he stamped his character on his product, giving it a reputation that has been carefully maintained by his son to this time. The late Mr. Balzer was a native of Germany, born in 1831, and came to Wheeling when a young man. He was connected with the Smith Brewing Company a number of years, and in 1875 established the Balzer Brewery. The brewery is unique in situation and construction. It is located on the side of the hill at Twenty-fifth street, and the cellars are blasted out of the solid rock. To the passer-by little is revealed of the real magnitude of the plant, since it extends far back into the rock of the hillside, and is in fact one of the best equipped breweries in the country.

The death of Mr. Balzer in 1887 removed a public-spirited citizen and business man from Wheeling. He was survived by his widow, Katherine (Kemple) Balzer, and three children. The son Joseph managed the brewery after the death of his father until his own death in 1888, when the active management devolved upon Mrs. Balzer until her son Henry was old enough, when he assumed the management and has conducted the business successfully to the present time. All of the ale and porter business of any consequence in Wheeling and an extensive surrounding territory is done by the Balzer Brewery, and its name is a synonym for excellence among thousands of patrons.

GEORGE T. MARSIL.—Biography is history of the purest type, and to possess history is that which distinguishes man from the lower creatures around him. They present the same appearance from age to age,

unchanging in their instincts and habits, except in so far as they have been modified through contact with man; and, therefore, the history of one generation of irrational animals is the history of every other. But in the human race there is progressive change, which it is the part of history to both record and accelerate, and the duty of the living to perpetuate in biographical form for the benefit of coming generations. In this connection it is a pleasure to here present a brief review of the life of George T. Marsh and his progenitors.

The maternal ancestors of Mr. Marsh, while not the first, were among the first settlers who bore the brunt of pioneer life and hewed out for posterity a country suitable to live in. The Marshes were Scotch-Irish, a combination which made for thrift, honesty, perseverance and industry, and seven brothers left their own land for the American Colonies during the days of Cromwell. The family finally took root in Washington county, Pennsylvania, from whence the son of one of these ancestors, John Atkinson by name, and the grandfather of George T. Marsh, came to West Virginia about 1806, being then in young manhood. He acquired one thousand acres of land in Brooke county and became a man of prominence and influence in his locality, and held various offices within the gift of the people, among them that of justice of the peace. John Atkinson married Miss Elizabeth Poole, and they became the parents of the following children: Sarah, Martha, William, Thomas, James, George, Ephraim, Rhoda, Nancy, Eliza, Joseph and one child who died in infancy. As his children grew up he divided his holdings among them, giving to each a farm which amply provided for their material comfort. One of these sons, Thomas, went into the brick business at Cumberland, while the others followed agricultural pursuits. John Atkinson died in 1841, and his widow followed him to the grave in 1843. A son of Sarah Atkinson became a United States senator, and held that high office at the time of President Johnson's trial for impeachment. Thomas Atkinson had a son, John H., who was a "forty-niner," and later became a state senator. As the descendants of the first John Atkinson multiplied and spread over Virginia and adjacent states, they became members of the leading professions—legal, military, medical and clerical, and some of his sons served in the war of 1812. The family is now scattered all over the United States, and at the present writing there is but one man bearing the Atkinson name in Brooke county, but their relatives bearing other names are numerous.

The mother of George T. Marsh was Eliza Atkinson, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Poole) Atkinson. She became the wife of Thomas B. Marsh in 1831, he being a farmer by occupation and the owner of eighty acres of valuable land. To Thomas B. and Eliza Marsh there were born six children: John A., Elizabeth and Cyrus C., who are deceased, Mrs. Mary J. Gordon, Mrs. Jemima Wey and George T. Two of Mrs. Gordon's sons are graduates of Bethany College and ministers in the Christian church.

George T. Marsh was born in Brooke county, in 1850. He was educated in the public schools and reared on his father's farm, continuing to carry on agricultural pursuits until 1886, at which time he located in Wellsburg, and since 1890 he has been connected with the firm of the S. George Company. In 1871 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary K. Latimer, the estimable daughter of Robert B. Latimer, and to this union there have been born seven children, six of whom are living: Frank W., Mrs. Ella V. Bowman, R. Ross, Edgar H., James A. and Mrs. Florence C. Barnett. Hugh L. is deceased. George T. Marsh has seven grandchildren. The seventy-five grandchildren of the first



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John Atkinson hold an annual reunion in commemoration of their illustrious ancestor.

The Latimer family is also of not a little importance from a historical standpoint. They are of Irish ancestry and came to Brooke county in 1808, when William Latimer, a school teacher by occupation settled here. He was the grandfather of Mrs. Marsh and was twice married, his first wife being Mary Kennedy, by whom he had three children: James, John and William; he married for his second wife Mary Brown, and they had six children: Mary, David, Wilson, Robert B., Joseph, who became sheriff of Brooke county, and Esther. Robert B. Latimer was a cooper by trade and a most worthy and highly esteemed citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are connected with the Christian denomination, and are well and favorably known in church and social circles.

OLIVER E. G. BEANS.—Whether the elements of success in life are innate attributes of the individual or whether they are quickened by a process of circumstantial development, it is impossible clearly to determine. Yet the study of a successful life is none the less profitable by reason of the existence of this uncertainty and in the majority of cases it is found that exceptional ability, amounting to genius, perhaps, was the real secret of the pre-eminence which many envied. So it appears to the student of human nature who seeks to trace the history of the rise of Oliver E. G. Beans, a typical American of the best class. He is yet a young man but has achieved a success that many an older resident of Wheeling, West Virginia, might envy. As division superintendent for the Bradstreet Commercial Agency, having under his supervision three divisions in West Virginia, Wheeling, Huntington and Charleston, and two in Ohio, Canton and Zanesville, Mr. Beans occupies a prominent position in the business world of Wheeling, where he is honored and esteemed by all with whom he has come in contact.

A native of the fine old Keystone state of the Union, Mr. Beans was born at Braddock, Pennsylvania, the date of his nativity being the 2d of September, 1875. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Hughes) Beans, the former of whom claims the state of Maryland as the place of his birth and the latter of whom was a native of Pennsylvania. The father, who has reached the age of eighty-one years, maintains his home at Steubenville, Ohio, and the mother was summoned to the life eternal in 1877. John Beans devoted the greater portion of his active career to steam-boating on the Ohio river, having long been in the employ of Fawcett & Brown, working for that concern in the capacity of steward on their line of river boats. Elizabeth (Hughes) Beans was a daughter of John A. Hughes, a prominent and influential citizen of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, where he controlled a large enterprise as a contractor and builder. Mr. and Mrs. Beans became the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this review was the third in order of birth and of whom all are living at the present time, in 1911. Charles E. and James H. both maintain homes in Wheeling.

Oliver E. G. Beans was a child of but three years of age at the time of his parents' removal from Pennsylvania to Steubenville, Ohio, to the public schools of which place he is indebted for his preliminary educational training. In 1896, just after attaining to his legal majority, he came to Wheeling, where he entered the employ of the Locke Shoe Company, eventually resigning his position in that concern in order to enter into the retail shoe business on his own account. In this venture he was associated with his brother, James H. Beans, the firm being

known as that of Beans Brothers. On the 1st of January, 1900, this partnership was dissolved and Oliver Beans entered the employ of the Bradstreet Commercial Agency, a concern of international renown. On the 1st of January, 1901, he was transferred to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, office and one year later he was appointed division superintendent of the Wheeling branch of the business, continuing incumbent of that important position during the intervening years to the present time. In order to make himself of more value to his employers, Mr. Beans prosecuted the study of law and was admitted to the bar of West Virginia on the 4th of May, 1909, and almost immediately he formed a partnership with M. L. Bradshaw, under the firm name of Bradshaw & Beans, attorneys at law. He is a member of the Ohio County Bar Association.

At Atlanta, Georgia, March 8, 1911, Mr. Beans had the honor of delivering the address before the Southern Commercial Congress held in that city, he being the representative of the state of West Virginia.

In fraternal orders Mr. Beans is affiliated with Nelson Lodge, No. 30, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Mystic Lodge, No. 24, Elm Grove, of the Knights of Pythias. In religious matters he gives his support to the Christian church, of which he and his wife are devout members.

In the month of January, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Beans to Miss Jessie Elizabeth Pugh, a native of Steubenville, Ohio, and a daughter of William H. and Eliza J. Pugh. Mrs. Beans' father is deceased and her mother resides in the beautiful Beans home at Wheeling. Mr. and Mrs. Beans have no children.

FREDERICH SCHMEICHEL has been actively connected with the retail business of Wheeling for nearly forty years. On the basis of a trade, at which he was a skilled workman for a number of years, he employed the resources of honesty and industry to such advantage that he acquired an independent place in business, and has had a career of substantial success.

He was born in Graudenz, Germany, April 9, 1841. His parents were Michael and Amelia Schmeichel, his father being a wagon-maker and later a farmer. An education in the German schools was followed by the thorough apprenticeship which the young men of that country pass through in learning a trade, and when he came to America at the age of twenty-nine he was a skilful cabinet-maker. He began working at the bench, and for several years was engaged in making office furniture and bar fixtures, and also did some contract work.

In 1873 he became the partner of Mr. Behrens in the furniture business at Wheeling, and on the death of the latter in 1883 he purchased the entire stock. His store has been one of the largely patronized centers of trade in Wheeling for many years. He owns the fine four-story building on Market near Twenty-third street, in which the business is conducted, and all the floors are occupied by a stock which has acquired a reputation for reliability and variety. About 1901 his son, F. C. Schmeichel, was taken into partnership, but resigned on January 1, 1910, and is now connected with the Palace Furniture Company of Wheeling.

Mr. Schmeichel married, in 1873, Miss Louisa Ulrich, of Wheeling. Of their eight children one died in infancy, and their five sons and two daughters are: F. C., Ludo, Harry, Otto, Edward, Mamie and Oscar. Their son Albert is deceased. Mr. Schmeichel is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men, and he is a

Republican in his political affiliations. The family are members of St. John's Lutheran church. Mr. Schmeichel has a high standing as a business man and citizen of Wheeling.

LOUIS F. BRAND.—Among the distinctively prominent and brilliant young business men of Wheeling, West Virginia, none is more versatile, talented or well equipped for the work of his profession than Louis F. Brand, who has resided in this since 1887. For the past eleven years he has been identified with the brokerage business at Wheeling, being at the present time local representative for A. E. Masten & Company, a large banking and brokerage concern, the main offices of which are at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. By reason of his fair and honorable business methods Mr. Brand occupies a prominent position in the financial world of this section of the state and he commands a high place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

A native of the Buckeye state, Louis F. Brand was born in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, the date of his birth being the 18th of November, 1879. He is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Hammel) Brand, both of whom are living at the present time, their home being at Cadiz, Ohio. The father was a plumber by occupation during the greater part of his active career and for a time lived virtually retired from the cares of business life, enjoying to the full the fruits of former years of earnest toil and endeavor, but in 1911 he again resumed business at Cadiz, Ohio. The Brand family removed from Ohio to West Virginia in 1887, at which time the subject of this notice was a child of eight years of age. Location was made at Wheeling, where Louis F. Brand early availed himself of the advantages afforded in the public schools. As a young man he became interested in the brokerage business, entering the employ of White & White, with which well known concern he was associated for a period of eight years. While connected with that company Mr. Brand succeeded in putting in the first direct wire service between Wheeling and New York city. The firm referred to above was the first concern doing business with a New York Stock Exchange house to open offices at Wheeling. In 1908 Mr. Brand accepted a position as local representative of A. E. Masten & Company, bankers and brokers, whose main headquarters are at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The senior member of the firm of A. E. Masten & Company is a member of the New York Stock Exchange, the Boston Stock Exchange, the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange and the Chicago Stock Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade and the New York Metal Exchange. The value of all these seats in different exchanges amounts to over one hundred thousand dollars. The company has been in the banking and brokerage business for over twenty years and has very extensive wire connections. As local representative of this concern Mr. Brand has full charge of the Wheeling office and a prodigious amount of business passes through his hands. He is a man of fine mental caliber and extraordinary executive ability, and all his dealings with his fellow men have been characterized by the highest principles of sincerity and honor.

In 1903 Mr. Brand was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Virginia Heburn, a daughter of Jacob and Clara Heburn, the former of whom is deceased and the latter of whom is now residing at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Brand are the fond parents of one child, Nellie Virginia, whose birth occurred on the 29th of March, 1907. The family home is maintained in a beautiful residence erected by Mr. Brand on Maple avenue and Woodlawn, in which vicinity he was one of the first to build. In their religious adherency Mr. and Mrs. Brand are consistent mem-

bers of the Vance Memorial Presbyterian church, to whose good works they are most liberal contributors.

In politics Mr. Brand accords an uncompromising allegiance to the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and while he has never manifested aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office of any description he is ever on the alert to do all in his power to advance the best interests of the community in which he resides. In the time-honored Masonic order he has passed through the circle of the Scottish Rite branch, having attained to the thirty-second degree and being a member of the Consistory. He is also affiliated with Osiris Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

CHRISTIAN LOBMILLER, one of the leading manufacturers of Wellsburg, is proprietor of the Star Glass Company, manufacturing high-grade lead-blown glassware. He has been identified with the glass industry since early youth, and his technical knowledge and business ability have brought him a prominent place in the industry and as a citizen of Wellsburg. He has been an independent manufacturer since 1900. His large trade extends all over the United States.

His family have held an honorable position in business and society in "Wheeling and Vicinity" for many years. His parents, Christian and Catherine (Schlotter) Lobmiller, were both natives of Wittenberg, Germany, but came before their marriage and at different times to the United States, and, locating at Wheeling, there married. Of their five children four grew to maturity, namely: John, Joseph, Christian and Albert. The father, who has been dead a number of years, was a clerk for a period of years in the leather business of Berger & Hoffman at Wheeling. He possessed talent as a musician and organized the first brass band in the city of Wheeling.

Mr. Lobmiller of this sketch, one of the above named children, was born on Wheeling Island, March 1, 1862, and was reared and educated in that city. At the end of his studies in the common schools he turned to the glass industry for the serious business of life, and his early experiences and the proficiency shown inclined him to follow in the business all his life. His experience has been extensive and varied. He was in the employ of the United States Glass Company of Tiffin, Ohio, and the Findlay and the Fostoria Glass Companies, and in 1884 came to Wheeling and engaged with the Riverside Glass Company. He was also connected with the North Wheeling Bottling Works for a time. With this large experience, when he established his own business at Wellsburg in 1900, success came to him as a matter of course, and he has contributed not only to his own prosperity but to that of his home city.

In 1891 Mr. Lobmiller was married to Miss Lizzie Ferring. Two children were born to them, one of them deceased, and the other is named John Z.

JOSEPH LOBMILLER, prominent as a manufacturer of Wellsburg, was born at Wheeling in 1860, and was reared and educated in his native city. During his youth he worked at various occupations, but finally took up the glass business, and has made of it the basis of a successful career. He has been a resident of Wellsburg since 1885, and was in the employ of the old glass works of this city until 1893. His business capacity warranting independent undertakings, he then organized the Lobmiller Company for the manufacture of glassware. After the company



F. F. Fankhauser.

had been in existence fourteen years he sold the plant. In 1905 he organized and put in operation the Globe Glass Company, which has had a prosperous career. Mr. Lobmiller is a pioneer in the manufacture of decorative glass for advertising purposes, which is the principal output of his present plant. He is also the second manufacturer in the United States to make enameled advertising bar glassware. His goods are in demand throughout the country, and have a standard quality which now needs little introduction to the trade. Mr. Lobmiller was formerly a director in the Ohio Valley Lithographing Company, of Wheeling, and a director in the Wheeling Optical Company.

He was married to Miss Nettie Martin, of Wheeling, and they are the parents of two children, Jane and Frank.

FORREST F. FANKHAUSER, of Bridgeport, is engaged in the general grocery business and is one of the progressive young men of the city. In the legitimate channels of trade he is winning the success which always crowns well-directed labor, sound judgment and untiring perseverance, and at the same time he has concerned himself with the affairs of the community in an admirably public-spirited way. His store room is eighteen by thirty-five feet in dimension and is stocked with the finest goods the market demands. His tact and honest dealing with even the smallest members of his patrons' families have made for him a large place in the hearts of his numerous and fast-increasing friends and patrons. For a man who has been in business for himself but three years his success has been phenomenal.

Mr. Fankhauser was born in Monroe county, Ohio, December 30, 1881, and is the son of Frederick F. and Mary (Mehl) Fankhauser, the former a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and the latter of Germany. They became the parents of seven children, the subject being the fourth in order of birth. The father, who was a farmer, died on February 15, 1901, but the mother survives and makes her home at Bridgeport, Ohio. Mr. Fankhauser has been a resident of Bridgeport since 1891 and his loyalty to municipal interests is as great as that of a native son. He is a member of the Bridgeport fire department and his fraternal affiliation extends to the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he is a popular member.

Mr. Fankhauser laid the foundations of a happy household and congenial life companionship by his marriage to Miss Emma Schenck, daughter of Louis and Mary (Dittmir) Schenck, this union being solemnized September 7, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Fankhauser are members of the English Lutheran church, to which they give their willing and generous support.

RALPH K. COX is an active young business man of Wellsburg who has already acquired noteworthy connections with the business and public affairs of the city. He is a popular citizen with a large following of friends, and he is firmly established in the esteem of the community.

Mr. Cox has been city clerk and secretary of the city water board since 1908, and is a former assistant secretary of the Wheeling Board of Trade. His principal business is with the large enterprise of the S. George Company. For a time he was secretary of the Brooke Publishing Company, of Wellsburg. He is also a director of the Sterling Bed Company of Wheeling. The bed manufactured by this company is the invention of Mr. W. B. Sterling, of Wellsburg. It possesses features which have brought it a large use in hospitals and among home invalids, and the company is doing a successful business.

Mr. Cox is a native son of Wellsburg. He has been a worker from boyhood, and his industry and usefulness thus brought him the recognition of older business men and gave him a start on his career. He was born February 6, 1887, being the son of T. W. and Clara A. Cox, of Jefferson county, Ohio, and later of Wellsburg. The father died in 1891. Their children were: Mary, now Mrs. H. H. Carman; Estelle, Georgia, Ralph K. and one deceased.

Ralph was reared and educated in this city, and is a graduate from the Wellsburg high school in the class of '05. He was then a student for a year in the Elliott Business College at Wheeling, after which he returned to Wellsburg and began his active career.

In 1909 he was married to Miss Hulda, a daughter of the late Dr. J. P. Johnston, of Wellsburg. They are the parents of one daughter, Hulda Virginia. Mr. Cox is a Republican and a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, Uniformed Rank, and also a Modern Woodman. He is a member of Disciples Church.

JAMES E. GREEN, cashier of the Bellaire branch of the Wheeling Electric Company, commenced his career by following in his father's footsteps, but his strides have been longer and more rapid. He has made tracks of his own and branched out in other directions than those taken by his father—which is as it should be if there is to be any true advancement. We all of us look towards the future as having something greater in store for us than that we have already experienced—or if such is not the case we are to be pitied. Mr. Green has already attained a fair degree of success, but he hopes for a future better than the present or the past and he is even now preparing to make the future fulfill his hopes.

James E. Green has spent his whole life in Bellaire, Ohio, commencing April 21, 1882, and continuing to the present time. His parents are James A. and Susan (Wilson) Green; the father came from Monroe county, the scene of his nativity, education and early manhood. On his arrival in Bellaire he engaged in the general merchandise business and is now a real estate dealer of some reputation. James E. Green was educated in the Bellaire public schools and after school hours and during his vacations he assisted his father in his store, gaining thereby an insight in business methods that has stood him in good stead. He formed a partnership alliance with his father, but subsequently they sold out the business, the father to enter the real estate business, as above noted, and the son to accept the position of secretary and treasurer of the Bellaire Light and Power Company, and to assume the responsibilities entailed thereby. The Bellaire Light & Power Company passed into the possession of the Wheeling Electric Company June 11, 1911, and Mr. Green occupies the post of cashier at the Bellaire branch. He has given evidence of the possession of business abilities of a high order and has already made a good record for himself and is doing excellent, progressive work.

On June 15, 1907, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Laura C., daughter of William and Louise (Wassman) Braumlick. Two children, who bear the names of their maternal grandfather and grandmother respectively, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Green—the boy William Allen, and the girl Helen Louise. There is no one in the town who has a wider acquaintance than has Mr. Green and he stands well in the estimation of the people in the community in which he has passed his whole life.

JOSEPH M. WALKER, whose business activities extend to many of the most important enterprises of Wellsburg, is a representative of the pioneer Walker family of Brooke county, a family whose history goes back to the introduction of civilization into the upper Ohio valley, and which has produced many worthy citizens in the communities of Brooke county and adjacent country. A brief sketch of the family has a very appropriate place in the history of Wheeling and Vicinity.

The founder of the family name and fortunes in this section was Jacob Walker, who was born of Protestant parents near Londonderry, Ireland, in 1755, being the youngest of ten children. He learned the weaver's trade, but some trouble with his brothers about the sale of the linen which he wove caused him to run away from home and he sailed as a stowaway for America in 1773. While on the ocean the ship was overhauled by a British cruiser. That government was then engaged in impressing single men for military service, and only by a strategy of somewhat romantic nature did Jacob continue to America. He persuaded a young lady aboard to swear that she was his wife, and thus passed the search of the British officers. But for the kindly service of this young woman the interesting history of the immigrant and his family might have been laid among other scenes. And true history narrates subsequent events somewhat differently from what romance might have colored them, for the kindly woman of the ship did not become his wife. On arriving at Baltimore the captain would not let the stowaway go on shore till he had paid his passage. Jacob sent word of his situation to an uncle who lived in the city, and who agreed to pay the fare in return for six months' work by the nephew. By driving a dray for his uncle he paid the debt and saved some money besides.

After a stay of a few months in Baltimore he decided to hunt a home in the west, the west then being all the country beyond the Alleghenies. His venturesome, self-reliant spirit in setting out afoot and alone, with a little money in his pocket, a gun, on his shoulder and a few possessions tied in a handkerchief, should be, to his later descendants, one of the most inspiring facts about this pioneer. Traveling by way of Fort Pitt he arrived in the Ohio valley in April, 1774, and made his first stay at the farm of Harmon Greathouse, a historic locality of this region. He assisted Mr. Greathouse in clearing about three acres of land where the Tri-State Traction Company's barns are now located. They then planted corn and raised a crop without horse or plow, and in the fall gathered the corn and stored it in a rail pen. During the summer he bought of his employer four hundred acres at fifteen cents an acre. This old homestead is still owned by his descendants and is one of the few places in the valley which has an unbroken title through the generation of a single family. During that first summer he built a log cabin about half way between the dwellings now occupied by his great-grandsons, John W. and W. P. Walker, and deadened three trees near a spring.

In the fall he returned to Baltimore, where he married Margaret Guthrie. In the spring of 1775 they set out for their home in the wilderness, she riding a horse and he walking at her side, and they carried with them all their possessions. He had to break a path through the weeds which had grown up before the cabin door, and when he told his wife that was their home she gave way before the desolation of the situation and sat down in the house to cry. She was a woman, but she was also a pioneer who did her part well in succeeding years, reared a family, and lived to see a settled civilization grow up about her. For seven summers they lived at old Fort Decker, which was located where

Broad street now is in Follansbee, and during the winters they stayed on the farm. For several years when he worked his crop he took a soldier to guard him while he plowed. He lived here while the war of the Revolution was waging on the other side of the mountains, and he took part in the local Indian warfare. He was at the battle of Battle Run, near Mingo, when Captain Buskirk was killed, and he helped bury young Decker, who was killed by the Indians on a farm in the neighborhood. In 1778 he built a better log house on his farm, and this old building is still standing, just north of the residence of William P. Walker, a structure associated with many family incidents of a by-gone age. Jacob Walker reared a family of six children, five daughters and one son. Their mother died September 5, 1819, while the pioneer father lived until May 6, 1845.

The only son was John Walker, who was born in 1783. He married, in 1808, Sarah Abrams, and they began their married life on part of the old homestead, but in the spring of 1825 moved over to Ohio. John Walker died September 18, 1871, and his wife, April 2, 1845. They had a family of eleven children, five sons and six daughters.

One of these sons was the late J. J. Walker, whose death on May 21, 1910, in his eighty-sixth year, signaled the passing of one of the oldest and most honored of the native sons of Brooke county. He was born on the farm where he died, October 23, 1824. When six months old his parents took him to Ohio, where he married, on March 5, 1850, Miss Hannah R. McConnell. After living for three years at his father's home they moved to Virginia and spent the rest of his life at the home of his birth. This venerable couple lived together to celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary, and the wife died March 15, 1909. The late J. J. Walker was a strong man mentally and physically, of rugged integrity, and in his work and his intercourse with men he manifested those fine qualities which we like to associate with the pioneer type. He was a regular attendant of the United Presbyterian church of Steubenville, and in politics was a Jeffersonian Democrat and in his later years esteemed Bryan as his ideal political leader.

He and his wife left a large number of descendants. Their own children were: Joseph M., James A., William P. and John W., and Mrs. Jane R. Carter. At the time of his death there were also seventeen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. J. M. Walker, the oldest of the children, was born March 4, 1851, during the residence of his parents in Jefferson county, Ohio, but since he was two years old was reared and has been identified with Brooke county. After attending the district schools he followed farming for a few years, and in 1882 located in Wellsburg, where he has since been so actively concerned with business affairs. In company with his father-in-law he engaged in the hardware business under the firm name of W. C. Barclay & Company, which, in 1893, became J. M. Walker & Company. This is one of the best stocked hardware stores in this section, and through many years of reliable dealings it has won hundreds of customers who never trade anywhere else. The present store building, which is one of the features of the Wellsburg business district, was erected in 1906, containing three stories on a ground space of twenty-five by one hundred feet.

Outside of his regular commercial enterprise Mr. Walker has taken the lead in the promotion of various business and civic movements which have kept the community in step with modern progress. He was one of the promoters and president of the local electric light company. He took an active part in the organization of the Home Telephone Com-



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pany, of which he also served as president. In 1904 he organized the Builders' Supply Company at Follansbee, of which he is president, and he was also one of the organizers and is a director of the Banking & Trust Company. For six years Mr. Walker did much for the cause of public education as a member of the school board. He was on the water board twelve years, and has served on the board of public works and the cemetery board.

Mr. Walker was married, in 1882, to Miss Alice B. Barclay, daughter of William C. and Emily W. Barclay. They have three children: Emily W., now Mrs. Charles F. McGlumphy; Hannah R.; and Joseph B. Mr. and Mrs. McGlumphy have one child, Alice Louise. Mr. Walker is an elder in the Presbyterian church.

HENRY BIEBERSON, president of the Belmont Brewing Company of Martins Ferry, is one of the ablest financiers and business executives in the Ohio valley. He has been identified with the vicinity of Wheeling since he was a boy, and through the powers of his energy and intelligence has reached the dominating position in business which he now enjoys. Throughout his life he has been noted for an inexhaustible capacity for work and practical business judgment that has seldom erred. These qualities, joined with a high integrity and a loyalty to civic and personal responsibilities, have been rewarded as they deserve with success.

Mr. Biberson was born in Germany in 1848, and at the age of sixteen years crossed the Atlantic and located at Wheeling. Here began the experience and training which fitted him for a larger career. In 1874 he engaged in the restaurant business in Wheeling, and for twenty-eight years his place on South street was a popular resort for thousands. This business laid the basis of large interests in other lines. For a number of years he was director of the Bank of Wheeling, is now a director of the Bridgeport Bank and Trust Company, and connected with other enterprises which lend strength to the business of this vicinity.

In 1902 Mr. Biebersen was elected president of the Belmont Brewing Company, and with his associates has made this one of the finest establishments of the kind in America. The reputation of the company is based on quality of product rather than quantity, although in the latter respect the Belmont Brewery has become an important factor in the brewing interests of the United States. For business organization, for purity and unequivocal high standards of product, and a reputation that grows steadily from year to year, the Belmont Company has no superiors.

The Belmont Brewing Company was incorporated in 1890 by the proprietors of the Ohio Wine Company, Messrs. Lipphardt, J. C. Wagner and F. H. Eick, who had for ten years previously been engaged in the production of native wines. Their cellars and buildings, on Jefferson and Washington, between Second and Fourth streets, were then turned over to the Belmont Company, and are now but a small part of the extensive plant which has since been built. The condemnation suit of the Martins Ferry Terminal Railway Company against the Ohio Wine Company took away adjoining property, so that it was necessary to discontinue the manufacture of wines, and the business has since been confined to brewing. The plant has every modern invention for the manufacture of beer, and it was the first brewery in this section to introduce the use of the modern pasteurizer. Its bottling department was established in 1900, and the company makes a specialty of the high-class bottle trade. There are two ice machines, placed in 1890 and

1902, and two wells furnish water, which by experts is declared to be equal to that used by Bass & Company in their famous English brew. In 1904 a new brew house and cold-storage were added, increasing the capacity fifty per cent. The annual sales now amount to forty thousand barrels, both for domestic and export trade.

The officials of the company, besides Mr. Bieberson, are Mr. August Kraatz, vice-president; F. H. Eick, secretary and treasurer; and Jacob Korn and John C. Wagner, directors. All are well-known business men of this vicinity, are natives of Germany and have made substantial careers since coming to this country. Mr. Kraatz was superintendent of the blacksmith department of the Etna Standard Iron Works of Wheeling for twenty-six years and is vice-president of the Haskins Glass Company. Mr. Eick has been a resident of the United States since 1858, and has been connected with financial and business enterprises at Cincinnati and in this vicinity for half a century. Mr. Korn was a successful Wheeling merchant for many years. Mr. Wagner was a Cincinnati druggist and promoted the organization of the Ohio Wine Company, from which the present Belmont Brewery has been developed.

PHILIP KUNTZ has contributed to the industrial prosperity of Wheeling and Vicinity by many years of activity as a coal operator. For forty years he has been connected with the Boggs Run coal mine on East Forty-eighth street, Wheeling. This is one of the oldest mines in this locality. It was opened in 1852 by Mr. John Cowen, and has been in continuous operation for sixty years. Though its veins have now been quite thoroughly worked out, the mine has during all this time been one of the most dependable and has produced many thousands of tons each year, a product that has supplied fuel for a wide range of factory and domestic use over a long period of years. The surface grounds of this mine include two hundred and sixty acres, with four hundred and fifty acres of coal of the Pittsburgh Vein No. 8.

Mr. Kuntz, who has operated this mine since 1871 and who has employed about one hundred and twenty-five men in its operation, is a native of Germany, where he was born in 1848. At the age of twenty-three, in 1871, he immigrated to America and has been a resident of Wheeling and superintendent of the mine since that date.

In 1871 he was united in marriage with Miss Lottie Niedergall, also of Germany. Their three children are Emma, Philip and John. The sons, who are industrious and progressive young business men, leased the Boggs Run mine in 1909 and are now engaged in its operation.

REV. JOSEPH WITTMAN.—Among the honored citizens of Bridgeport, Ohio, none are more worthy of being commemorated in its annals than the Rev. Joseph Wittman, the beloved pastor of St. Anthony's church, who during his labors here has made his name a synonym for all that is honorable and correct in morals. An earnest worker, thoroughly devoted to his calling, and with the confidence and respect not only of his own parishioners but of the people of other denominations, he also manifests a commendable interest in the important affairs of the day, and is a valuable citizen as well as a faithful pastor.

Father Wittman was born at Troy, New York, in 1874, and was the youngest of the six children of Otto and Rose Wittman. He was reared in his native city, and received his early education there, later attending Columbus College, at Columbus, Ohio, which he entered in 1888. In 1894 he went to Italy, and completed his studies for the priesthood in the Propaganda, Rome, and on May 20, 1900, he was ordained

by the Cardinal Vicar of Rome. His first charge was at New Lexington, Ohio, and in July, 1901, he was appointed assistant pastor at Lancaster, Ohio, where he remained until July, 1902, at which time he came as assistant pastor to St. Anthony's church, Bridgeport, and in March, 1904, became pastor here. St. Anthony's church was organized as a parish in 1883, the congregation then consisting of twenty families, and was attended by the Rev. Joseph Tuohy of Martins Ferry, Ohio. In 1900 the Rev. Joseph Weigand was appointed the first pastor of the parish, his pastorate continuing until 1903. The present edifice was built in 1892, the parochial school having been built the year previous and turned over to the Sisters of Nazareth, of Kentucky, and this school now has an enrollment of two hundred and six pupils. The church building has a seating capacity of four hundred persons, and the parish numbers one hundred and twenty-five families, not counting the foreign attendance. In 1902 the pastor's residence was erected, and the valuation of the entire property is twenty-five thousand dollars.

Father Wittman has been uniformly beloved as preacher, teacher, pastor and man. To his sacred and honored calling he has devoted all of himself, and is splendidly equipped for successful work. His ideas of honor, integrity and duty are exceptionally strong and mentally he has both depth and breadth.

FRANK E. FOSTER, of the Foster Company, has been prominent in the business and public life of Wellsburg since 1902. As a merchant he has been recognized as one of the progressive men who build up trade and keep it for year after year through satisfactory and reliable service. His name is frequently associated with the group of citizens who are responsible and directing spirits in promoting the best advancement of Wellsburg, both as a place of business and as a civic and residence center.

Mr. Foster was born at Wheeling, August 20, 1863, but was reared in Marshall county on a farm, and received his early training in the common schools. His natural endowments were excellent, and without acquiring the routine practice of any regular trade during his youth he possessed that ready adaptability and skill which have well served him throughout his career. Before entering business he took a course in the Wheeling Business College, and for a time worked on the *Wheeling Register*. His principal business has been in the furniture trade, and as a regular adjunct to that undertaking, he was graduated from the Champion College of Embalming at Springfield, Ohio, in 1897, and has practiced the profession since that date. His place of business was at Wheeling from 1895 to 1900, after which he was on the road as traveling salesman for a year or two, and in 1902 opened the furniture and undertaking establishment at Wellsburg which he has conducted with such success to the present time. In 1908 he organized the Foster Company, under which name his enterprises have since been carried on. His office has one of the most complete stocks outside of Wheeling in burial supplies. In addition to his regular lines he holds the local agency of the Singer Sewing Machine. He is secretary for 1911 of the West Virginia Funeral Directors' Association.

His popularity as a citizen resulted in his election in November, 1908, on the Democratic ticket, to the office of clerk of the Circuit Court. His son, Walter F., is his deputy in the management of the details of his office. Mr. Foster is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, and fraternally is connected with the order of Eagles and the Tribe of Ben Hur.

Mr. Foster's first wife, to whom he was married in 1887, was Miss Lottie Sadler, who died in 1903. She was the mother of his son Walter F. In 1904 he married Miss Carrie McCuskey, and they have one daughter, Margaret A. The family affiliate with the Presbyterian church.

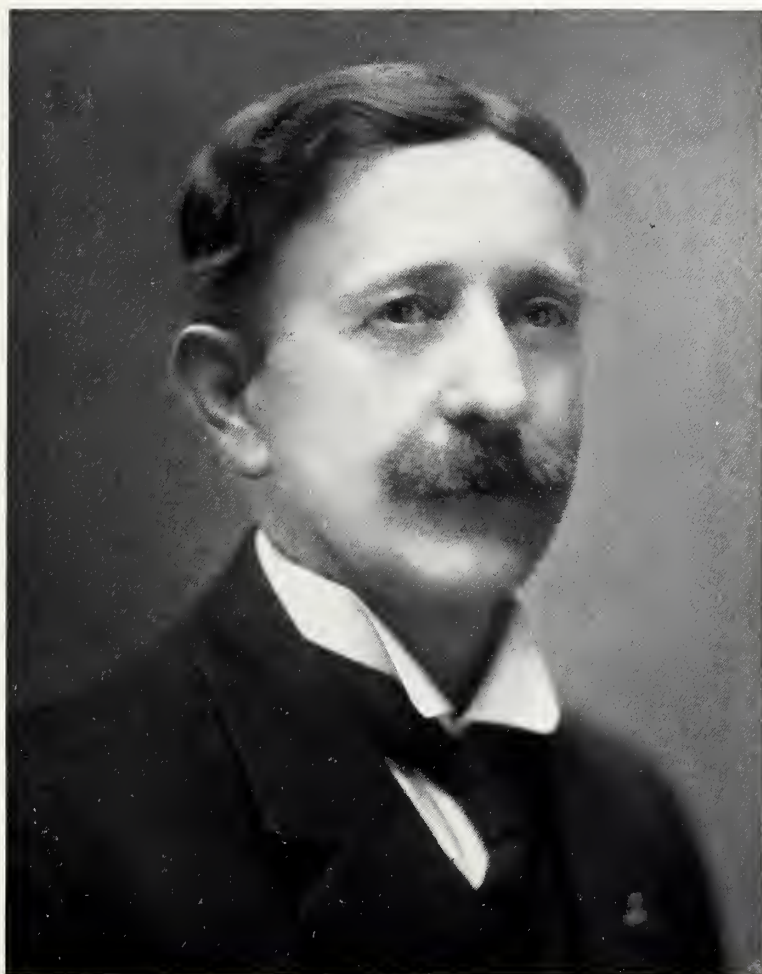
Mr. Foster comes of one of the old families of "Wheeling and Vicinity." His grandfather, John Foster, settled in Ohio county during pioneer times. At Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, were born his parents, John A. and Margaret A. (Barckley) Foster. The father was a member of the First West Virginia Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war and was wounded during the service. He afterwards lived in Wheeling until his death. His widow still survives. Their children were: John; William, deceased; Mary; Frank E.; Annie; Winifred, deceased; Harry, deceased; Edward; and one that died in infancy.

ELMER HOUGH, the prominent coal operator of Wellsburg, was one of the first and most enterprising in the development of the coal resources about the city of Wellsburg. He is one of the ablest mining and civil engineers of the Ohio valley and before taking up an independent business career was identified with some of the most important industrial enterprises of this section of the country. He is at present vice-president and general manager of the Beech Bottom Coal Company, one of Brooke county's largest coal companies. His career of forceful activity, engaged in the larger sphere of responsibility, has been characterized throughout by a sturdy self-reliance and persistent ambition. He has never recognized failure or defeat and he has never deviated from a course which has permitted the best development of his own talents and at the same time has resulted in a useful service to the industrial and social community.

Born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1866, and a few years later taken to Fayette county in the same state, he was reared on the farm of his father, who was only fairly prosperous and could give his son but the restricted advantages of the township schools. It fell to his lot to aid in supporting a family of seven sisters and two brothers, he being second to the eldest. Up to his nineteenth year he lived on the home farm and had little opportunity to prepare himself for a broader career. By teaching school in the winter and by dint of labor and economy he was able to enter a normal school, the Normal University at Ada, Ohio, and from that excellent institution he was graduated as a civil engineer in 1888.

Equipped for his profession, Mr. Hough immediately accepted a position on a railroad engineering corps as stake driver and rose from one position to another until one year later he was engineer in charge of thirty miles of difficult railroad construction. He was engaged in railroad construction work for several years. Through experience and study he also prepared himself for the work of mining and mechanical engineering and is a practical man in these branches of the profession. After concluding his railroad work he opened a general engineering office and filled the office of city engineer of Homestead, Pennsylvania, for seven years. He had previously been employed in the construction of blast furnaces at McKeesport.

For a number of years Mr. Hough's principal work was in connection with the great Carnegie Steel Works along the Monongahela valley. He was first employed in improving and beautifying the city of Homestead, and the improvements made under his direction are still in evidence there. In fact, its streets and parks are a monument to his



Elmer Hough

engineering and business ability. For seven years he was assistant chief of the Carnegie Steel Company. It was during this period that his attention was first brought to the coal lands of West Virginia. He quietly gathered together a block of Brooke county's best coal lands and organized the Beech Bottom Coal Company, for operating purposes, the buildings and works being constructed in 1903-4, after several years of contention for reasonable freight rates and recognition in the coal markets. Brooke county coal soon became generally known, and the Beech Bottom Coal Company, operating the largest mine upon the P. W. & K. Railroad, with other large tracts of coal having been secured and developed, has made the project a remarkable success. That latter expansion quickly followed after Mr. Hough had finally succeeded in introducing Brooke county coal in the big coal markets. Today the Beech Bottom Coal Company has a name and place among the great industries of the state. At different times he has purchased coal rights from the farmers about Wellsburg to the aggregate of twenty-four hundred acres. In 1902 he resigned his place with the Carnegie Company to promote his new enterprise and in 1903 the company was organized and incorporated with the following officers: J. S. Braddock, president; J. M. Stauffee, secretary and treasurer; and Mr. Hough, vice-president and general manager. In preparing the way for an advantageous development of the coal fields, Mr. Hough undertook a series of negotiations with the railroad companies whose lines tapped his territory and his success in securing adequate shipping facilities and equitable rates was of lasting benefit not only to his own enterprise, but to all the coal producers of the vicinity. The company's mine is modern and equipped with the most improved machinery operated by electrical power. One hundred and seventy-five miners are employed and the output is shipped to Cleveland, Buffalo and into Canada.

As a citizen of Wellsburg, Mr. Hough is highly esteemed both for his business enterprise and his public spirit. He has been made president of the Board of Education, Wellsburg Independent District, and largely through his efforts the school system is being reorganized and more adequate buildings are in course of erection, four in number.

He is also president of the Wellsburg Board of Trade. He is a member of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, the West Virginia Mining Institute, the National Good Roads Association, and the American Automobile Association, a director in the West Virginia State Automobile Association and chairman of the Good Roads Committee of West Virginia, S. A. A. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Elks.

Mr. Hough married, in 1890, Miss Florence Bolton, of Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, and they are the parents of six children: Victor B., Elmer B., Roscoe R., Scott, Wendell M. and Nelson.

A local publication in giving an appreciation of this gentleman concludes with the following paragraphs, which are here appended:

"So much for the energy, brain, industry and perseverance of a man who forged his own way from his earliest boyhood days, met every obstacle with the keen eye of a philosopher, surmounting difficulties that would have stampeded many a man and left him by the wayside a discouraged wreck, but the beacon-light of 'stick-to-it, fight your battles and win out,' led on to victory, and success came at every turn. The man with a purpose is still forging ahead with a laudable desire to help his family, his state, city and county in acquiring high ideals, and prominent among these is his great faith and enthusiasm in regard to education.

"In his school work as president of the board his efforts for the betterment of all stands out in letters that spell 'success.' As a boomer for Home-Coming Week and the celebration of the opening of Dam No. 11, Hough, the tried and true veteran of progressiveness, is right on the firing line. Friendly and genial with all, Mr. Hough has made a host of friends.

"As a means of recreation, the automobile, with which Mr. Hough is an expert, seems to appeal to him strongly and when ready for the road with his estimable wife and six boys aboard, Hough is happy and contented. These six vigorous boys are pretty well imbued with the progressive and intrepid perseverance of the father and mother and are of the best possible material for future good citizenship."

E. C. COPE, M. D.—It very frequently happens that the men in a family will show an inclination towards a certain profession or line of work, and especially is this true with regard to men who make a study of medicine. There are often generation after generation of physicians in a family, the sons inheriting their skill and inclination from their fathers. However, the physician and surgeon of today faces an entirely different proposition from that of the doctor of a quarter of a century ago. Each day brings some new discovery—some improved methods—and but adds to the strictness of the requirements, so that he who would successfully cope with disease must constantly keep abreast of the times and spend much time in earnest study. Dr. E. C. Cope, the leading physician and surgeon of Barton, Ohio, is the son and grandson of physicians, and he also has two uncles and two cousins practicing this honored profession.

The grandfather of Dr. Cope, C. H. Cope, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1811, and his early education was secured in the district schools that were adjacent to his father's farm. At that time the teachers were inadequate and as a consequence he could secure but indifferent tuition, but his yearning for knowledge and the desire to become acquainted with the best authors in the literary world caused him to become a close student, and he soon developed into a correct and pleasing writer. With the hope that professional life would open a greater field for mental culture, he began the study of medicine under Dr. Bell, of Mt. Pleasant, and on the completion of his studies he began the practice of medicine in that village. During this time he wrote a number of poems and essays which appeared in the *Saturday Evening Visitor*, a Pittsburgh publication. In 1837 he moved to Colerain township, and there he continued in active and useful practice up to the time of his death. Dr. Cope was married in 1839 to Miss Mildred Fowler, and she died in 1847, leaving five children. Dr. Cope's second marriage occurred in 1850, when Miss Julia A. French became his wife, and to them there were born four children. About this time Dr. Cope again took up his pen, and wrote several poems of merit. As a physician he was careful, prudent and skilful. He had the happy faculty of winning the confidence of his patients, who in every case became his life-long friends. In political matters he was a staunch Whig and his religious faith was that of the Friends, or Quakers, a faith that his progeny accepted. One of his sons by his first wife, Isaac G. Cope, was the father of Dr. E. C. and became as noted a practitioner as his father. Drs. Charles S. and William S. Cope are uncles of E. C. Cope, and the former has a son, Otto, who is a physician, as is also James H. Cope, a son of Orlando Cope and grandson of Dr. C. H. Cope.

Dr. Isaac G. Cope was born in Colerain township, February 12, 1846, and was there reared and educated. In his younger years he taught school for several years, and studied medicine with his father, and at the outbreak of the Civil war he tendered his services, being appointed assistant steward and later promoted to assistant surgeon. After serving his country faithfully for three years he returned to civil life as a practitioner and settled in Farmington, Belmont county, where in 1865, he was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Dungan, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Dungan, and to this union there were born eleven children, all of whom are living, Dr. E. C. Cope being the only member to take up medicine as a profession, and the second in order of birth. Dr. Isaac G. Cope died August 31, 1898, in the faith of the Friends church. Throughout his life he was a stalwart Republican.

E. C. Cope was born at Farmington, Colerain township, Belmont county, Ohio, November 26, 1869, and his early education was secured in the common schools of his native town. Later he entered the Ohio Medical University at Columbus, from which he was graduated in 1893, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Barton, where he has since continued. A man of scholarly tastes and able to throw light upon almost any subject connected with this profession, drawing from a fund of rich experience and ripened knowledge, Dr. Cope is also a man of rare sympathy, great kindness of heart and magnetic personality. Possessing a fine presence, a cheerful manner and an invigorating voice, he is destined for great things in the happy future that stretches before him, as a reward for his years of faithful, painstaking preparation for what is the noblest work in which a man can engage.

In 1900 Dr. Cope was married to Miss Mercy, daughter of Joseph and Annie Pratt, and to this union there have been born two children: Mary C. and Ellis P.

Dr. Cope is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the degree of Sir Knight. He also holds membership in the County, State and National Medical Associations.

W. J. DUNGAN, who as junior member of the contracting and building firm of Craig & Dungan, of Follansbee, West Virginia, has done much towards the development of this section of the country, is a citizen of sterling worth and a man of the highest business integrity. Those who have devoted their energies to this line of work have been given opportunities to erect monuments that will live long after they have passed away, and the quality of their accomplishments will testify in the years to come either to their worth or otherwise.

Mr. Dungan was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1874, the second of four children born to David and Caroline (Noah) Dungan, the former of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Washington county that state. He received a good common school education, and as a lad displayed remarkable talent in the line of building, this fact influencing his parents to give him a chance to learn the trade of carpenter. In 1889 he came to West Virginia, where he was successfully engaged in working at his trade until 1899, when he became a general contractor and builder, and ten years later, in 1909, the firm of Craig & Dungan was formed, which continued in the field until the fall of 1911. The firm of Craig & Dungan was then dissolved, and Mr. Dungan is continuing the business alone, under his own personal direction. Living up to the letter of contracts, using only the best of materials and hiring the most skilled workmen, he has established a reputation for honesty and fair dealing second to no firm in this part of the country, and

his patronage has been correspondingly large. Mr. Dungan is well-known among builders throughout Brooke county, and he is regarded as one of the most skilled men now in the business, while his standing as a citizen is equally high, and since he first became a resident of Follansbee, in 1901, he has done much to forward movements that have had for their ultimate result the development of the city of his adoption.

In 1899 Mr. Dungan was married to Miss Margaret Baxter, and to this union one son has been born: William B. Mr. Dungan is a popular member of the M. R. M., and also holds membership in the Brotherhood of Carpenters. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

REV. THOMAS C. PEARS, JR.—The growing and enterprising little city of Follansbee, West Virginia, may well be proud of the number of churches which have been established within her borders, indicating a sentiment for the better things of life in her citizens, and also of the substantial and attractive appearance of these church edifices. One of the most striking is that of the First Presbyterian church, a handsome brick structure of modern architecture, which was founded in 1905, and was supplied by Rev. James L. Reed until June, 1910. On October 23, 1910, the present church building was dedicated with impressive ceremonies and Rev. Thomas C. Pears, Jr., was installed as pastor. The auditorium of the church has a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty persons and the present membership is one hundred and one, while there is an enrolment of one hundred and twenty children in the Sunday school. The value of the entire property approaches closely the sum of eleven thousand dollars.

Rev. Thomas C. Pears, Jr., was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1884, and is thus one of the younger members of the Presbyterian clergy. He is the youngest of a family of four children born to his parents, who are Thomas C. and Ada (Fahnestock) Pears, who still reside at Pittsburgh. Mr. Pears was primarily educated at Buffalo, New York, and later entered Princeton University, where he was graduated in 1907, afterward entering the Western Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1910, in June of which year he was ordained and appointed to his present pastorate. His marriage to Miss Emma Danforth took place at Buffalo, New York, and they have one son, who is the third Thomas C. Pears in succession.

Rev. Thomas C. Pears, with his trained understanding and thorough education along all lines, is particularly well qualified for the responsible position to which he has been assigned. In a comparatively new community, settled in the main by the youth and vigor, the enterprise and progressiveness of modern life, youth, with its enthusiasms and later mental outlook, may more easily impress than would older leaders, whose advantages, perhaps, had been less general in character. Rev. Pears is a brilliant speaker, his eloquence in the pulpit being a marked characteristic and a great help in carrying his message of conviction, while as a pastor he has filled every requirement and is admired and esteemed outside of his own denomination equally as within it.

BROWN LATIMER, superintendent of the Steubenville Sand Company, of Follansbee, West Virginia, and now serving his seventh year as justice of the peace, is one of the younger generation of successful business men who are doing so much towards advancing the industrial interests of this section of the country. He comes from one of the old and honorable families of the state, his grandfather, Brown Latimer, for whom he was named, having been one of the pioneers of Brooke



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county and a well-known cooper and agriculturist of his day. Mr. Latimer's parents were George and Mary Latimer, of Brooke county, and he was the second of their family of five children.

Mr. Latimer was born in Brooke county, West Virginia, in 1879, and was educated in the vicinity of his father's farm, on which he spent his time until 1900, when he came to Follansbee and accepted the position of superintendent of the Steubenville Sand Company. This enterprise was organized in 1896, and covers six and one-half acres of land, the sand-bed reaching a depth of one hundred and twenty feet from its highest point to the bed of the Ohio river. The capacity of the industry is one hundred car-loads per month, and the sand, which is of the finest grade and is used for concrete and building purposes, is washed and screened before being shipped. The use of the most highly improved machinery necessitates the employment of only eight hands. Mr. Latimer has proved himself an able and efficient manager, and his employers have the greatest faith in his ability to conduct their business properly. He is enterprising and energetic, takes the greatest interest in his work, and his modern, progressive ideas have done much to minimize the cost of production and to simplify the work done. Such a man, naturally, is bound to gain recognition by his fellow citizens, and Mr. Latimer has been elected to the office of justice of the peace for seven years. When Follansbee was first incorporated, in 1906, Mr. Latimer was chosen its first recorder, and he brought to his work in that office the same enthusiasm and conscientious effort that has characterized his business career. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with which he has been affiliated since 1898.

Mr. Latimer was married (first) to Miss Mary Sanders, who died in April, 1904, leaving three children, namely: Ira, George and Margaret. For his second wife Mr. Latimer married Miss Elizabeth Coburn, and they have had one child, Adrian.

DANIEL STORCK, a representative and successful citizen of Wellsburg, is superintendent of the Juergens Bakery at that place. This is the original branch of what is now one of the largest baking concerns in the state, and its products have a reputation over most of the territory in the upper Ohio valley. The main plant is now conducted at Wheeling, where it is the largest business of the kind. Mr. Storck has been superintendent of the Wellsburg branch since 1904, and his ability has been chiefly instrumental in maintaining and promoting the success of the business. This well-known baking business was established in Wellsburg by Stewart Brothers and was purchased by the Juergens in 1904, and Mr. Storck was connected with the business under the former management. This plant consumes over seventy barrels of flour each week in the manufacture of the bread and pastries which enter so largely into the dietary of thousands of people in this vicinity. The Wellsburg plant employs thirteen hands and runs two wagons for the local trade.

Mr. Storck, who is an expert baker, was born in Germany in 1878, a son of John A. and Eda B. Storck. He is the third youngest in their family of eleven children, eight of whom grew to maturity. With his brother Louis he came to the United States in 1896, being then an active young man of eighteen. Locating at Wheeling, they both learned the baking trade and have since been engaged in the business at Wheeling and at Wellsburg.

Mr. Storck was married, June 14, 1910, to Miss Catherine, daughter of Mr. E. W. Fegan. They are the parents of one son, Edward D.

A. C. BEETHAM, M. D., of Bellaire, is one of the most successful physicians and surgeons of the vicinity of Wheeling, and has been engaged in practice at his present place of residence since 1898. Dr. Beetham is a representative of the modern system of medicine and at the same time is one of the popular family physicians of Bellaire, and his extensive practice has been built up on the solid foundation of ability and skill.

He was born February 17, 1872, at Windham, Ohio, and is a son of Rev. John and Mary (Rennison) Beetham, both of whom were natives of the lake district of old England and were married there, after which they came to America. The father was ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1861 and was for many years a faithful worker in that denomination. He was the father of seven children, of whom the Doctor was the fourth.

Dr. Beetham received his early education at Mt. Union, in Stark county, Ohio. He first prepared for the profession of pharmacy at Scio College of Pharmacy, and became a graduate pharmacist in 1892. From this he aspired to the larger sphere of medicine and in 1896 was graduated M. D. from the Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio. His first practice was in St. Clairsville, and in the spring of 1898 he opened his office at Bellaire, where for some years he has enjoyed all the practice that he can attend. He has taken a post-graduate course in New York and at the Polyclinic of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Belmont County and the State Medical Societies and of the American Medical Association; is a director in the Buckeye Building and Loan Company, also in the Strang Manufacturing Company; and he is examiner for several of the leading Life Insurance Companies, and surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

In addition to his profession he has been thoroughly identified with the civic interests of his home town. For eight years he has served on the school board, and is a public-spirited, progressive citizen. His church is the Methodist Episcopal.

Dr. Beetham married, June 8, 1900, Miss Mary Parks, daughter of John Parks. They are the parents of four children: William P., Marion E., John P. and Helen.

W. T. BOOHER, M. D.—The medical practitioner of 1911 is a man widely different from the practitioner of 1810 or 1860. The science of medicine has advanced more in the last half century than it had in all the ages up to the beginning of the nineteenth century. While it has progressed the requirements of a physician have grown abreast, and the doctor of to-day approaches his work only after years of earnest study and careful training. Dr. W. T. Booher, of Bethany, West Virginia, is one of the most representative men of his profession in Brooke county. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1881, the oldest of the five children born to Sutton R. and Ida F. (Kohr) Booher, of Ohio. Sutton R. Booher was for over twenty years a prominent educator in the schools of Ohio, but during the past ten years has been engaged in the mercantile business.

The early education of Dr. Booher was secured in the public schools of his native county, after graduation from which he entered the Illinois Medical College, the medical department of Loyola University, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine therefrom in 1905. After spending some time in several Chicago hospitals as a post-graduate course, the Doctor settled down to practice in Bethany, and he has been remarkably successful in his work here. He is a thought-

ful, studious man, whose absorption in his profession is great, and the success which has attended his efforts has gained him the confidence and esteem not only of his patients but of the community at large. Since his residence in Bethany he has held the office of president of the Board of Health. Dr. Booher is a member and ex-president of the Brooke County Medical Society, and a member of the West Virginia State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. His fraternal connections are with the A. F. & A. M., the K. O. T. M., the M. W. A. and the Tribe of Ben Hur, in all of which he is extremely popular.

In 1905 Dr. Booher was married to Miss Mary A. Schott, daughter of Charles and Mary Schott, and they have had three children, namely: Charles O., William T. and Mary V.

JAMES D. BURLEY.—The name of Burley has been conspicuous in the history of West Virginia since its existence as a separate commonwealth and was well and favorably known in the Old Dominion. For three generations the Burleys have resided in West Virginia, and during the years that have elapsed members of the family have been identified with the military, agricultural, political, commercial and fiscal life of the state. Their dealings have been characterized at all times by the high sense of honor with which they were pervaded, and the men themselves have one and all been known as honorable, valorous gentlemen. James D. Burley, one of the third generation, is no exception to this statement.

J. D. Burley's birth occurred in 1866, near Moundsville, West Virginia. His paternal grandfather, James Burley, was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and in 1800 he came to the Old Dominion and settled in Marshall county, where he followed the pursuit of agriculture. He owned a large tract of land consisting of one thousand acres, and on some of this land a part of the city of Moundsville now stands. It is natural that a man of such vast interests should be considered a power in the state, and in recognition of his abilities he was elected state senator, in which capacity he served from 1860 to 1864, during which time West Virginia was formed into a state and was composed of the northern and western counties of Virginia. The people of this district, separated by a range of mountains from the fertile plains of the Old Dominion, and holding but few slaves, had little in common with the wealthy planters and large slave owners of the east and south. Many of them, like Mr. Burley, were of northern origin, and when the struggle began they took sides with the Union. Mr. Burley took an active part in the withdrawal of West Virginia from the Confederacy, was conspicuous in the meeting held at Clarksburg and in the representative meeting held at Wheeling. For a period of four years he served Marshall county in the capacity of sheriff. His family consisted of two sons and four daughters.

W. J. Burley, one of the sons of James Burley and father of James D., was born in Marshall county in 1842, and, like his father, he was a man of many friends and was held in high esteem by his fellow citizens. He also was engaged in agriculture and owned two hundred and fifty acres of land in the county. During the Civil war he was captain of Company A of the Twelfth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry; was later promoted to the rank of major and at the close of the war, after four years of continuous service, he was honorably discharged with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He seems to have led a charmed life during his army record, as he was neither wounded nor did he suffer from

any disease as a result of the hardships endured. On his return to his home he was permitted to go back into retirement as a simple farmer, but was later honored by his fellow-citizens electing him to the office of sheriff of Marshall county, the office which his father had so ably filled and of which he himself was the worthy incumbent from 1888 until 1892. He was looked upon as one of the leading politicians of the county and was sent as a delegate from West Virginia to the convention that nominated General Garfield for president. His good wife was Emma, the daughter of Michael Dunn, and mother of three children, Mrs. James T. Miller, Mrs. A. D. Williams (both Mr. Miller and Mr. Williams being attorneys in this locality) and James D.

James D. Burley received a common school education in Moundsville and was reared on his father's farm, where he learned to perform such duties as are required of a boy in such circumstances. Later he spent four years in the oil business. He is at present assistant cashier and a director of the First National Bank of Moundsville, positions held since the bank was organized. For a period of four years he was deputy sheriff, and he served a six years' term as city clerk. He has the honor of being a member of the governor's staff, with rank of colonel, and in all capacities he has proved himself both capable and honorable.

Mr. Burley has three children, Creston C., William J. and George M., born to his union with Miss Mary Fitton, of Wheeling, West Virginia, whom he married in 1887. He is prominent in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree in Scottish rite, and is a member of Wheeling Commandery No. 1, Knights Templars, and a life member of Moundsville lodge, B. P. O. E., No. 282. He has a host of friends in Moundsville who have known him all his life, and the older members of the community have also known his father and his grandfather.

THOMAS H. ROGERS.—It is frequently and truthfully said that nothing succeeds like success—but success does not come unsolicited. Success is a matter of applying the proper amount of energy at the proper moment and in the proper direction when an opportunity presents itself, and not every man is capable of recognizing an opportunity or, if capable, of grasping it. Energy, industry, perseverance and brain power are necessary to the man who would rise above his fellows, but he must also have that intuition that will send him unhesitatingly in a given course and cause him to follow that course to its ultimate finish in spite of all obstacles and discouragements. West Virginia has many examples of successful men who have gained a position in the world through their own unaided efforts, but no better example could be found than Mr. Thomas H. Rogers, who has risen to the position of superintendent of one of the largest industries of West Virginia from the humble walks of life.

Mr. Rogers was born in England, June 26, 1863, and came to the United States when he was nine years of age. His family locating at Leechburg, Pennsylvania, he received his education in the common schools of that place, and at an early age entered the rolling mills. In 1893 his faithful labor and quick perception of what was expected of him caused him to be promoted to the position of foreman with Wallace, Banfield & Company of Irondale, Ohio, and also for one and one-half years he was employed by the United States Steel Corporation at that place. Becoming superintendent of the Middletown Rolling Mills, of Middletown, Ohio, he remained in that position for four years, and in 1904 he became associated with Follansbee Brothers, at Follansbee, West Virginia, where he has since continued as superintendent.



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The men who show themselves capable of handling their own affairs successfully are those chosen, as a rule, to handle the affairs of others, and no exception has been made in Mr. Rogers' case. He was one of those who were the prime factors in the movement to have Follansbee incorporated as a city, in 1906, and he has the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens to such an extent that they have elected him to the highest municipal office, that of mayor, where he is ably and efficiently handling the civic affairs of the community. His fraternal connections are with the Masons, the Elks and the Eagles, and he is a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which his wife also takes an active part.

In 1887 Mr. Rogers was married to Miss Mary A. Burson, and four children have been born to this union, namely: Frank, Elizabeth, George and Alice. Mr. Rogers' parents, Thomas and Ella Rogers, natives of England, were the parents of nine children, of whom Thomas H. was the youngest. Starting in life a poor boy, with no advantages but a steadfast determination to succeed, he has demonstrated that there is something in the necessity for exertion that develops a man's best qualities. He is a striking instance of the self-made man, and as such is respected and esteemed by his fellow-townsmen.

CHARLES MOEBUS, general manager of the Joseph Lamp Company, at 1036 Market street, is one of the well-known business men of Wheeling, and has had an interesting career. He began working for himself when a boy, and on his own exertions and ability rose to responsibility and successful position.

He was born in the city of Frankfort-on-the-Main, September 25, 1865, a son of Christian and Margarita Moebus. He attended the public schools of Germany until he was fourteen, and then crossed the Atlantic to New York city, where he spent a year in the public and night schools preparing his career in this country.

His first position was as office boy in a wholesale importing house, and he was connected with the concern for thirteen years, during which time he worked up to the position of general manager. He started at a salary of two dollars a week and at the end was being paid forty dollars a week for his efficient services. He was then office manager for a plumbing construction firm, and remained with that business six and a half years. In 1905 Mr. Moebus moved to Wheeling and secured the controlling interest in the Joseph Lamp Company. As general manager of this company he has extended the business and made a very creditable record of success. In public affairs he is a conscientious, public-spirited citizen, is independent in politics and has always refused any official honors. He affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, and his church is the Lutheran. His wife is a member of the Catholic church. Their home is in the attractive suburb of Elm Grove.

Mr. Moebus was married on January 20, 1900, to Miss Johanna Dersch, of New Jersey. They have no children.

HENRY ROSS.—Owing to the mushroom-like growth which has characterized the vicinity of Moundsville of late years, there must of necessity be a host of contractors and builders among its residents. Prominent amongst the devotees of this industry is Henry Ross, for eleven years identified with the upbuilding of Moundsville. He is a skilled workman himself, knows good work when he sees it, and will permit of no other in the buildings which he erects.

Mr. Ross was born in Monroe county, Ohio, April 27, 1869, and is the son of Sylvester and Martha Ross, both natives of Ohio. The father was a carpenter by trade, well known as a skilled workman in the craft which he followed almost all his life. He was the father of eleven children.

Henry Ross, the fifth child in order of birth, was reared and educated in the common schools of Monroe county. After he had completed his schooling he learned the carpentering trade at his father's bench and under his father's guidance, proving himself an apt scholar of a worthy teacher. He was just twenty years old when he first launched into the business with which he has been identified for twenty-two years. In 1900 he came to Moundsville, where he has since resided, executing contracts in and adjacent to Moundsville.

In 1891 Mr. Ross was happily united in marriage with Miss Lulu Vist, a native of Wheeling, West Virginia. Four children have been born to this union, Hazel, Ida, Claud and Elsie M.

Mr. Ross has reason to feel well satisfied with the result of his years of work, since he owns his own pleasant home and in addition has bought five building lots which join his home property. He is one of the prominent business men of the city and also has a high social standing.

WILLIAM G. RIGGS is one of the leading contractors and builders of this section, his place of business and residence being at McMechen. He stands at the head of his interesting profession and enjoys high prestige as the author of many of the finest buildings in his city. In his comparatively brief career, beginning in 1903, he has made great headway, and doubtless his greatest achievements lie before him. The McMechen Bank building, which has been widely praised, is of his planning and construction. Mr. Riggs is a tactful and progressive business man and a skilled mechanic.

The subject was born in Marshall county, West Virginia, in 1870 and is the son of Lemuel and Mary A. (Jones) Riggs, both of whom are natives of Marshall county. Lemuel Riggs was a farmer of considerable means, who enjoyed the respect and confidence of his community. To him and his worthy wife were born six children, five of whom are living at the present time, namely: Anginetta, John F., William G., Chester and Charles. All are farmers and all experienced and prosperous ones, well representing the great basic industry in the localities in which they are located.

Mr. Riggs, immediate subject of this review, received a good public school education, and learned his trade at Moundsville when a young man, early exhibiting proficiency of a marked character. In 1897 he removed to McMechen, and here has ever since made his residence and played his part in the many-sided life of the community. On December 14, 1895, he laid the foundation of a happy household and congenial life companionship by his marriage to Birdie, daughter of Silas and Martha Hammond. They share their home with three children, namely: Laurence, Beatrice and May. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are valued helpers in the promulgation of its good works. The former is a loyal member of the lodge of Knights of Pythias, his only fraternal relation.

The Riggs family has been for several generations in America, the first of the name to take up his residence here having been the subject's grandfather, Thomas Riggs, who was born in England. He was



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one of three brothers who came across the Atlantic together in quest of the new world's opportunity. Thomas located at Blue Stone, Pennsylvania, in which locality members of the family still reside.

C. H. WORTHEN is one of the leading business men of Wellsburg, where he is superintendent and manager and a stockholder in the Wellsburg Ice and Storage Company. He organized this business in 1909 and has made it one of the best plants of the kind in the country. The factory, which covers an acre of ground, has a capacity of twenty-five tons of ice per day, and all the product is demanded by the highest class of trade. Two wells, ninety feet deep, furnish a fine water supply, but after being pumped from the wells the water is distilled and then thoroughly filtered before being turned into the tanks to be converted into ice. The Carbondale process of refrigeration is used.

Mr. Worthen is a native of Baltimore, where he was born in 1867. He is a son of Dr. E. E. and Susan E. Worthen, both now residents of Wellsburg, and he was the oldest of their ten children, five of whom are living. Wellsburg has been his home from childhood, and he received his education in this city and at Wheeling. For several years he followed the trade of glass blowing, which he left to take up a more active business career. For a time he was in the oil and gas business, and then for five years was connected with the Carbondale Machine Company, which gave him the experience and opportunities for his present successful business.

Mr. Worthen is a prominent Mason, being affiliated with the lodge, chapter and commandery of that order. He was married on May 19, 1892, to Miss Flora, daughter of J. A. Spangler, of Washington, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Evelyn and Georgia.

LAWRENCE G. ORR, of Moundsville, is a successful business man who began life at the lowest grade of service in one of the great industries of the country and by hard work and business judgment promoted himself to independence and substantial success. He is one of the leading citizens of Moundsville and is president and general manager of the Mound City Coal Company. His associate in the ownership and management of this business is Mr. Claude B. Sharp, of Pittsburgh. The tract, from under which they produce about eight hundred tons of coal a day, contains about eight hundred acres, and their operating force consists of an average of one hundred and thirty. The business is one of the large industrial assets of Moundsville. The mechanical equipment of the mine is of the modern type, and the coal veins are worked through a shaft of one hundred and fifty-two feet drop.

Mr. Orr is a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1879. He was the second in the family of six children of David and Lena M. Orr, of Westmoreland county. His opportunities in the common and high schools of the county he utilized for a practical preparation for life, and during boyhood he also gained the training for the main business of his career. He began by driving mules to coal cars, later handled the pick as an actual miner, and continued through the departments of the business until his ability brought him to the control and operation of one of the extensive mines of West Virginia. Mr. Orr was married in 1904 to Miss Charlotte B. Stephenson.

JAMES H. BEANS, of Wheeling, is a successful engineer and manufacturer and has been closely identified with industrial enterprises in the Wheeling vicinity for a number of years. Since 1909 he has been

proprietor of a large foundry establishment in Martin's Ferry, an institution which for nearly forty years has produced wealth and credit to this thriving city of the Ohio valley.

The history of the foundry goes back to about 1872, when it was established by Culbertson, Wiley & Company. Two years later there entered the plant as pattern-maker Mr. William Mann, a young Scotchman, then about thirty years old, who had learned his trade in Scotland and had been in America for about four years. About 1880 Mr. Mann leased the plant from the owners, and through his remarkable ability and business judgment was soon able to purchase the foundry. He extended the trade of his establishment throughout the central, western and southern states, and at his death, in 1909, was regarded as one of Martin's Ferry's most substantial and honored citizens.

Mr. Beans bought the foundry from the estate of the late Mr. Mann, and with the energy and enterprise of a young but experienced business man has not only continued the former success of the business, but is making it an even more important institution to its home city. The plant occupies about two city blocks, including a store house seventy by one hundred feet, and the foundry manufactures all kinds of castings for the trade, from small patterns weighing one pound up to pieces of five or six tons. At full capacity about thirty-five men are employed.

Mr. Beans was born at Braddock, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1873, and is a son of John T. and Elizabeth (Hughes) Beans. He graduated from the Steubenville, Ohio, high school in the class of 1890, and it was there that he received the incentive for his future career. The principal was an engineer by profession, and through his close personal relations to his pupils he influenced Mr. Beans to take up that profession. Accordingly he studied with the principal after graduation from high school and advanced quickly to a high proficiency.

In 1890 he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as civil engineer on the division between Pittsburgh and Columbus. Later he became connected with the contracting firm of Warham, Hughes & Company, and located at Wheeling. This firm were contractors for the building of street railways and similar work, and they built the Benwood Southern Railroad during Mr. Beans' connection with them. The latter was superintendent of the Suburban Light Water Company five years, and for ten years was general manager of the Centre Foundry Company of Wheeling, leaving this to become proprietor of the foundry at Martin's Ferry.

Mr. Beans is a Scottish Rite Mason, was grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of West Virginia for one term, up to 1910, and is a member of the Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1895 he married Miss Lizzie Egerter, daughter of A. C. and Adeline Egerter, of Wheeling. Her father was one of the prominent men of Wheeling, being well known as a wholesale grocer and at one time was mayor of the city. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beans. Alfred died at the age of six years, and the others are: George E., Elizabeth C., Dorothy, John and Robert.

Mr. Beans served as a member of the county commissioners of Ohio county, West Virginia, for six years and served four years of that period as president of the board. He is a Republican.

THE WHEELING CAN COMPANY.—In a city of great manufacturing concerns the Wheeling Can Company stands as one of the largest and most important and is entitled to such designation not only con-

sidered with regard to Wheeling but to the entire United States. It is, in truth, one of the largest existing manufactories of its kind, employing seven hundred people, occupying several acres of ground and being capitalized at over a million dollars. It thus exerts upon the life and fortunes of the community an immense influence and contributes materially to its prosperity and commercial and industrial standing. The concern was doubled in capacity in May, 1911, when with the original Wheeling Can Company was consolidated the LaCrosse Can Company of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Beginning on January 1, 1912, these two companies will be operated under the name of the Johnson-Morse Can Company.

The Wheeling Can Company has been in existence only about a decade, its organization having occurred in 1901. It experienced a steady and rapid growth and finally became the largest independent can factory in the United States. The LaCrosse Company was a concern of about the same size as the Wheeling Company and manufactured a variety of lard pails, oil cans, and various other lithographed cans.

The incorporators of the present company are as follows: Oliver J. Johnson, George A. Laughlin, A. C. Whitaker, Alexander G. Glass, all of Wheeling, and A. A. Morse, of LaCrosse. The officers are Mr. Johnson, president; A. A. Morse, vice-president; and A. C. Whitaker, treasurer. The acquisition of a captain of industry of the stamp of Mr. Morse was welcomed by this city as a distinct gain. He was already known here. Mr. Johnson was the original organizer of the Wheeling Can Company, coming here from Chicago in 1901 for that purpose, and its good fortunes are in great part due to him, for he pushed it to success under many difficulties. Almost coincident with the organization of the local company was the formation of the can trust, which obtained control of all patents for can-manufacturing machinery and succeeded in tying up contracts previously made by Mr. Johnson with machinery manufacturers, so that he was forced to make and install his own machinery. Thus the equipment of the Wheeling plant today is different from that of any other can concern in the country.

The LaCrosse plant was moved to the city in 1911, and while technically the move was merely a consolidation, it practically meant the addition of a large and important industry to those of the Wheeling district. The new structure faces on Eoff and Water streets and occupies the space between Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth streets. The new building is used in the manufacture of lithographed lard pails, grease and oil cans and other lithographed cans and boxes, the lines formerly manufactured by the LaCrosse plants, while the old part of the works continues making fruit cans and syrup cans, which have been its specialty. In the construction of the new building only the most modern methods were used. It is three stories high and is built of very heavy steel and brick throughout, with two acres of floor space, bringing the total floor space of the plant up to one hundred and sixty thousand square feet. The advantages of Wheeling as the seat of such a factory are great, one of the most important being that it is situated in the center of the tin plate supply, and the transportation facilities for the distribution of the manufactured products are unusual. The stock-holders of the Wheeling Can Company are prominent business men and actively connected with the leading business enterprises of the city. With a remarkable record of success behind it the company will undoubtedly have a still larger growth, and will continue in manifold degree to emphasize and exert marked influence in conserving the financial stability and commercial and industrial prestige of the city.

J. A. RIEDLE is a successful business man of Wellsburg. His success is no less noteworthy because it has concerned itself with one of the smaller lines of trade, for he has shown the same qualities of persistent, industrious application and constant striving for larger results which have characterized the leaders in every commercial and industrial enterprise. Still a young man, he has gained a substantial place of esteem and business recognition in his community, and his career is an interesting life story.

He was born in Germany in 1877, being the oldest of the three children of Simon and Margaret Riedle. When he was sixteen years old, which was in 1893, he immigrated to America. He was then at the threshold of active life, and his career has been made altogether since coming to this country. Locating at Reading, Pennsylvania, he entered the employ of a baking establishment of that city and learned the trade around which he has built up his business enterprise. At Reading he remained three years and then followed up his trade at and about Pittsburgh for some years, and finally in 1908 located at Wellsburg, which has since been his home and where he has made his success.

On locating here he possessed only enough capital to set himself up in business in a very modest way. He had acquired a remarkable skill at his trade, but had no plant in which he could demonstrate this skill in a large output. He therefore began as a "home baker." The kitchen and cook-stove of his little home was his first shop, and what he did here is an inspiration to men who have no capital, but at the same time are able to produce something which the world really needs. The first loaves which he produced in this way he marketed from a basket, and was thus his own manufacturer and distributor. His bread had quality. Tried once, it was a favorite thenceforth in the household. Hence its popularity grew without much pushing after the first few weeks. He soon had so many customers that he had to keep his stove going night and day, and instead of a basket he used a push-cart for retailing his goods. Each succeeding month added to his customers and his popularity as a baker of wholesome bread. He was soon obliged to install a regular baker's oven, and used a larger cart. In a little more than two years his original plant was completely made over by the building of a large oven and other equipment of a modern bakery, and a team of horses are employed in purveying his foodstuffs to his satisfied patrons. He makes up from twelve to fifteen barrels of flour each week. Among the citizens of Wellsburg and Follansbee who know the quality of his product and who have followed his progress from humble beginnings, Mr. Riedle is esteemed as one of the most progressive business men of the city.

Much of his success has been due to the assistance and encouragement of his wife. She has co-operated with him in every effort and is one of the worthy women of the community. Before their marriage, which occurred in 1906, she was Miss Louise Solomon. They attend the Christian church.

WILLIAM H. TRUSCHEL.—One of the substantial business men and influential citizens of Wheeling, William H. Truschel, has been a lifelong resident of the city and has identified himself in important capacity with business interests here.

Born at Wheeling the 23rd of September, 1873, he was a son of John P. and Matilda (Menger) Truschel. He was educated in the St. Joseph's parochial schools and later attended Rock Hill College at Ellicott City, Maryland. During the early part of his business career he was



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for several years employed as bookkeeper. He then bought the wholesale paper business of Mr. George V. Riley. This was his business for the next twelve years, and he had a successful share of the trade in this line. In 1905 Mr. Truschel bought an interest and became one of the incorporators of the Stroetmann Vienna Bakery, of which he is secretary and treasurer. This is one of the finest and most complete baking plants in the Ohio valley region, and the establishment is described at length on other pages of this history. He is also a stock-holder and director in The Geo. R. Taylor Co., Victoria Theater Co. and The Center Wheeling Savings Bank.

Mr. Truschel is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are members of the St. Joseph's Catholic Cathedral. He married, in 1897, Miss Rose M. Hoffman, a daughter of John G. and Catherine Hoffman. They are the parents of three children, John, William and George.

THE C. B. KIMBERLY COMPANY was founded in 1906 by C. B. Kimberly to conduct a concrete contracting business, and was very successful from the start. Two years later his son, C. B. Kimberly, Jr., who had been a traffic engineer with one of the Bell Telephone companies for several years, came into the business, taking all the stock not owned by his father.

At this time the scope of the business was broadened by undertaking several other branches of construction, including general concrete work both plain and reinforced, foundation and building work, excavating, grading and sewerage. That the firm was successful from the start might be judged from the class and increasing volume of work done. At the present time the amount and value of equipment and amount of work on hand is not equalled by many contractors in this vicinity.

During the past two years C. B. Kimberly, Jr., has given much attention to a design for a cement burial vault, which has been recently completed and is being marketed with great success. This vault is a thoroughly substantial structure and is waterproof.

C. B. Kimberly was born at Lowell, Ohio, where he lived until after his marriage, and he then engaged in business at Marietta until his removal to Wheeling. He comes of a family of successful engineers and contractors, and in his own career he has gained success in business and high standing as a citizen. His one child is C. B. Kimberly, Jr.

JOHN L. GIESEY.—Civilization will hail riches, prowess, honors, popularity, but it will bow humbly to sincerity in its fellows. The exponent of known sincerity—singleness of honest purpose—has its exemplification in all bodies of men; he is known in every association and to him defer its highest offices. Such an exemplar, whose daily life and whose life work have been dominated by sincerity as their most conspicuous characteristic, is John L. Giesey, who is most successfully engaged in contracting and building at Wheeling, West Virginia, which beautiful city has represented his home since the time of his birth.

John L. Giesey was born at Wheeling on the 1st of March, 1864, and he is a son of Valentine and Adeline (Moore) Giesey, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1830, in which place he was reared and educated and whence he came to Wheeling about the year 1855. He was a carpenter by trade and was one of the pioneer contractors in this city, where his death occurred, in 1906. The mother, whose birth occurred in 1831, died in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Giesey became the parents of nine children: Millard F., William

H., Mary, James H., Charles E., John L., Thomas H., Albert B., and John E. (deceased).

In the public schools of Wheeling John L. Giesey received his rudimentary educational training and while still a youth he entered upon an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, under the able preceptorship of his father. After having thoroughly familiarized himself with the ins and outs of his trade he was for a time associated in a partnership alliance with his father and later he entered the employ of Betz & Flading, which flourishing concern conducted a planing mill at Wheeling. In 1893 Mr. Giesey opened offices at Wheeling as a contractor and builder and during the long intervening years to the present time he has been identified with that particular line of enterprise, being now known as one of the most substantial and capable business men in the city. He superintended the erection of the Locke Shoe Company's building, Bishop Donahue's residence, the Sacred Heart church in North Wheeling, the St. Joseph Convent Chapel, and the Sisters of Good Shepherd Manual Training School, at Elm Grove. He also had charge of the construction of the building occupied by the Noy Shoe Company, the same holding the record for being the most speedily erected building in Wheeling. Mr. Giesey was contractor for the large additions built to Mount De Chantal Academy, the same including the beautiful art, music and play rooms. In the business world Mr. Giesey is honored and respected as a man of square and straightforward methods and in all the relations of life he has so conducted himself as to win a high place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men. In politics he is not aligned with any particular party, but maintains an independent attitude, preferring to give his support to men and measures meeting with the approval of his judgment rather than to follow along strictly partisan lines. In religious faith Mr. Giesey is a devout communicant of the Roman Catholic church, to whose good works he gives liberal contributions of his time and means.

In the year 1888, at Wheeling, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Giesey to Miss Nettie L. Gaus, who was born and reared in this city and who is a daughter of Lewis Gaus of Wheeling. This union has been prolific of two children—Joseph A. and Helen V.—both of whom remain at the parental home. Mrs. Giesey is a woman of most gracious personality and she is deeply and sincerely beloved by all who have come within the sphere of her gentle influence. The family home is widely renowned as a center of refinement and hospitality and has been the scene of many attractive social gatherings.

FRANK L. JOHNSTON.—To be the head of a large and prosperous business and to be recognized as capable of directing its policy and managing its complex interests in these modern days demands more than ordinary talent and those who occupy positions of this character in a community may justly be denominated prominent citizens. Thus attention is called to Frank L. Johnston, who is president of the Johnston-Carter Company, one of the largest business enterprises in the Ohio valley and operating the leading store at Follansbee, West Virginia. Mr. Johnston was born on his father's farm near West Beaver, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1878, the family being of the old settled and substantial class in that section.

Mr. Johnston is a man of education. He attended the public schools in boyhood in the vicinity of his home and was afforded higher advantages at Mt. Union College, in Ohio, afterward becoming a teacher. Subsequently he entered the law department of the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, and in 1900 went to Steubenville. Just



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at that time the La Belle Iron Company started into operation and a favorable opportunity was presented to the young man to identify himself with one of its departments and he accepted, what he supposed was only a temporary position, but in which he displayed qualities which were recognized by his employers and he continued with the company for seven years. On leaving the La Belle Company, instead of turning to a professional life, he decided again in favor of an active business career and accepted a position with the Steubenville Hardware Company, which he retained for two years and then went into business for himself, on January 1, 1909, buying the company's branch store at Follansbee. He succeeded with his enterprise far beyond his expectations and, in association with others, organized the present company, which was incorporated on April 1, 1910, under the style of the Johnston-Carter Company, Mr. Johnston becoming president. Credit is given him for the great prosperity that has attended this business from its beginning, it being computed that since incorporation it has increased one thousand per cent, surely a most satisfactory showing. It has been found necessary to enlarge the original store building, which has made it one of the largest in Brooke county, while judicious advertising, together with the honest quality of goods handled, has widened the trade territory in every direction. Johnston-Carter Company are merchants, carrying a full general line of hardware, china and sporting goods. The china and crockery department is complete, all grades of ware being carried to suit all tastes, and here may be found the cheap brown crock of the commoner pottery and also the delicate Haviland china that is fit to adorn the table of those who pay as much attention to the plate as to the food that is placed upon it. The company has three plumbers in its employ, men of skill and experience in their line, and vouches for the reliability of their work.

On November 2, 1904, Mr. Johnston was married to Miss Beulah P. Stark, a daughter of S. R. and Lida (Atkinson) Stark, the latter of whom belonged to the same family that produced the late Governor Atkinson, a former chief executive of West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have one son, Samuel Stark, who, in developing into manhood, may well take his own father to emulate, learning by his example the value of energy, application and fidelity to employers and associates. Mr. Johnston is a keen, able business man, but he is never so interested in his own affairs that he forgets public claims, and he lends his influence to all movements that promise to be of benefit to this section.

PATRICK KENNEDY, whose death occurred at his home in Park View, July 10, 1910, was identified with the business interests of Wheeling for half a century, and in many different circles was known and esteemed for his benevolence, his shrewd business sense, his religious fervor and his genial personality. A member of the Catholic church, he was most devoted to his religion, and had served on all the boards of Catholic institutions in Wheeling. In his death the church lost a valuable and sincere worker, and his loss is particularly felt in his own parish, that of St. Vincent de Paul, as there was no branch of its work with which he had not been connected, and he was a member of its board of trustees at the time of his death.

Patrick Kennedy was born at Clane, near Dublin, Ireland, on the 20th of October, 1834, and was a son of Hugh Kennedy and Catherine (Innes) Kennedy. Both parents spent their lives in their native country,

where Hugh Kennedy was the owner of a pretty farm estate and was also interested in a line of canal boats in that vicinity.

Up to the time he was fifteen years of age, Patrick Kennedy remained at home and received a fair education in the schools. His early inclinations were for commercial pursuits, and at the age of fifteen he determined to try his fortunes in the new world. In the meantime both parents had passed away, so he and his brother Mark embarked on a sailing vessel at Dublin bound for New York. The long and stormy voyage was a good test of their ardor, but they began life in the new world with the hopefulness characteristic of their race. After traveling about for some time they arrived in Wheeling, their intention being to proceed west to Chicago. Bishop Whelan befriended them here and gave them such encouragement that they decided to remain in this city. Through the Bishop's help Patrick was engaged by Jacob Kiger in the latter's dry-goods house at 1033 Main street, while Mark secured employment in Patrick Crowley's grocery.

Though he began his business career in this city with limited means, Patrick Kennedy had the capacity and the industry which made his services valuable to his employer and won rapid advancement. In 1858 he was admitted to partnership, and three years later, at the death of Mr. Kiger, became sole proprietor. As a merchant he secured and held the trade of hundreds of customers, and all his business relations were marked by the same strict principles of honor and integrity which characterized his private life. It is recalled that he was very considerate of his employes, helping them to better careers and giving them aid in many special ways. However, he had no tolerance for sloth or dissipation. He was identified with several business enterprises in Wheeling, being a stock-holder in the old Belmont mill in its early history and later in the Wheeling Steel and Iron Company and an owner of real estate in Wheeling from the time of the Civil war till his death. Twenty years before his death, Mr. Kennedy sold out his business, and during the rest of his life was retired. At that time he bought the old Goode homestead east of Wheeling, and in his new home lived to see the development of a large suburban population all around him.

On the 13th of August, 1862, Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage with Miss Angela Hallisy, of Coshocton county, Ohio, the daughter of John and Catherine (Crowley) Hallisy, who had come from county Kerry, Ireland, and for many years resided in Ohio. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, named as follows: Katherine, the eldest, named for both her paternal and maternal grandmothers, married H. C. Jewett, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and their four children were Angela, Marie, Harvey, Jr. and Catherine, the last being deceased. The second child Hal J., who lives in Baltimore, Maryland, married Miss Ethel Osler, who died soon after their marriage. Mark, at home with his mother, is engaged in managing the family estate. Mary, who died in 1910, was the wife of E. J. Millar, and their children, Edward, John and Mary, now living with their father and grandmother. Francis P., the fifth child, now deceased, was an attorney and banker at Newark, Ohio, and by his marriage to Miss Grace Fleek had two children, Angela and Francis. Charles D., sixth in the family, is a resident of Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he is assistant treasurer of Jewett Brothers, wholesale grocers, and assistant secretary and treasurer of Jewett Drug Company, he having gone to Dakota sixteen years ago; he married Miss Caroline Barrett, and their children are Angela Marie and Charles Barrett. William J., the seventh child, is a physician of Newark, Ohio, and Hugh, the youngest,

died at the age of eleven years. Six children and ten grandchildren survived Mr. Kennedy, who held the deepest affection from them all.

As a citizen he was thoroughly public-spirited, and though never a seeker for official honors, was an ardent advocate of Democratic principles. He was ready to perform his responsibilities in civic affairs, and when elected to the office of city councilman promptly suggested needed reforms and worked to put them into effect. His interest in religion has been mentioned. He was born and reared in the Catholic faith, and throughout his residence in Wheeling gave more than a formal service to the church. He was an intimate friend of Bishop Whelan and other officials of the church in this vicinity. When Father Paquin undertook the establishment of the church of St. Vincent de Paul, Mr. Kennedy was one of the most liberal contributors and also took an active part in the collection of the funds needed to build the church. His charity, his kindness and his ready helpfulness will long be remembered among the hundreds of friends and acquaintances in this community. Once on the witness stand he was questioned about a woman's reputation; puzzled for a minute, his Irish wit came to his aid, so that while telling the truth he would not fail against charity. "Oh, your Honor," replying in his simple way, "it was both good and bad." During the last few years of his life, Providence sent him many trials, as he lost his eyesight and was forced to undergo several painful operations. During his last illness, which continued for some months, he prepared for a holy death. Every week the communion was brought to him, and the last afternoon of his life he received the eucharist. Throughout his life he showed a childlike resignation to the will of Providence, and his death was as peaceful as his life had been. The same confidence which upheld him when he embarked from his native land was manifest when he departed for the world beyond life. Hundreds of his former associates and of those who had esteemed him paid their tributes of honor and respect when his life closed, and his career was one that may with profit and merit be long remembered in the city and community where he had been an active and useful influence for half a century.

EVAN GARRETT ROBERTS was born May 4, 1870, and it may be of interest to record something of his ancestry. John Roberts, great-great-grandfather of Evan, lived in Culpeper county, Virginia, in Colonial times and married into the Britton family. Three of his sons lived in Allegany county, Maryland, and settled on Roberts' Ridge, in what was then Ohio county, Virginia, and is now Marshall county, West Virginia. They took up land from the government, fourteen hundred acres each, about the year 1796. Jonathan, the eldest of the three sons, was born in 1764 and married Rebecca Barton, of Allegany county, Maryland. Reuben, the second son, married Elizabeth Barton, of the same county. Gaius, the third son (half brother of Jonathan and Reuben), married Sarah Sharp and died in Ohio county, now Marshall county, West Virginia. When Jonathan and Rebecca Roberts moved to Ohio county, Virginia, they brought with them their three children. Barton, born May 20, 1791; Thomas, born February 26, 1793, and Elizabeth, born December 12, 1791; (afterwards Mrs. John Baker). After they came to Virginia seven other children were born, as follows: Reuben, born February 28, 1797; Mary, December 22, 1798; David, born January 15, 1801, and who died August 3, 1879; Benjamin, born December 17, 1803; Druzilla, December 20, 1805, (afterwards Mrs. Edward Hogan); Britton, born October 17, 1807, and Jonathan Elmer, born September 11, 1810.

David Roberts, the third child born after coming to West Virginia, married Ann Charlesworth McClean, of Wilmington, Delaware, and settled in what is known as Round Bottom, Marshall county, West Virginia. At the age of eighteen he went to keel-boating on the Ohio river, but in the spring of 1821, he built a flat-boat and made a trip down to New Orleans, taking with him a car-load of produce; the trip was made in five months.

In the spring, 1822, he took passage on the Manhattan, commanded by Captain Story, the third boat that ever came up the Mississippi. He followed keel and flat-boating until 1831 and in that year built a steam-boat, which he ran mostly on the Ohio and Hatchee rivers. In February, 1833, he started for the Red river and reached the spot where Shreveport now stands and discovered the large spring, for many years the source of the city water supply; then he continued to Fort Townsend. His was one of the first boats to this point. He engaged in putting up some of the first buildings erected in Burlington, Iowa, the timber used coming from his lands in Virginia, now West Virginia, the same being transported in his steamboats. In addition to his mercantile business, he and his son, Clinton, dealt in Iowa and Nebraska real estate, during the '50s, and he also owned about five hundred acres of land in Marshall county. His children were as follows: Frank, born August 20, 1833, died in 1854; Mary Melvina, born December 24, 1834, died in 1869; John Clinton, born March 28, 1836, and died December 7, 1901—the father of Evan; Joseph McClean, born June 12, 1838, died October 8, 1906; Eliza Rebecca, born August 20, 1840, died in 1876; Jonathan Elmer, born May 6, 1842, died September 18, 1892; Olevia A., born November 1, 1847, died in 1877.

Mrs. David Roberts also comes from an old family. She was the daughter of Joseph McClean, who was born January 6, 1775, and his wife, who was Elizabeth Griffith, born September 17, 1776, they being married November 22, 1798. Ann was one of a family of nine children, as follows: Mary, born January 14, 1804; Joseph, born June 10, 1805, and died March 29, 1848; Ann, born July 15, 1806, died September 25, 1886, at the age of eighty-one years; Elizabeth, born November 28, 1808; Rebecca, born March 22, 1811; Jacob and Robert, twins, born March 13, 1812; John, born April 3, 1814; and William, born May 2, 1816. Ann, the wife of Captain David Roberts, lived longer than any of her brothers and sisters, but not as long as her mother, who died April 23, 1874, when nearly ninety-eight years of age.

John Clinton Roberts was the third son of Captain David and Ann McClean Roberts. He was an educated man and had received a part of his education in Cincinnati, Ohio. He went to Iowa, where he engaged extensively in the real estate business. He, with a few others, owned the original tract where Red Oaks, Iowa, is now located. In 1862, he assisted in raising a company of soldiers for the Twelfth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry for which service he received the commission of second lieutenant. He served about two years, participating in the battle of Antietam and other engagements. He was wounded at one of the engagements at Winchester, after which he was honorably discharged with the title of major. He afterwards carried on a mercantile business at Moundsville, West Virginia, for forty years. He married Elmira Adalaïd Garrett, of Chester county, Pennsylvania, January, 1861, and the following children were born to the union: Frank G., born April 18, 1863, in Chester county, Pennsylvania, while his father was serving in the army; Harry Clinton, born July 31, 1865, in Marshall county, West Virginia, as were all of the younger children; Anna Rebecca, born August 8, 1867, died January 19, 1882; Evan Garrett, born May 4, 1870; David Leon,

born November 21, 1873; Meta, born September 12, 1876, afterward the wife of Mayne R. Denman; Nellie Erma, born November 28, 1879, who married Wylie M. Rogerson.

Frank G. Roberts was reared and educated at Moundsville, where he was engaged in his father's store as soon as he left school, going into his present business in 1885. He is the proprietor of the men's furnishing store in Moundsville. In 1885 he purchased a half interest in a general store conducted under the firm name of Roberts & Thomas; later the firm name was changed to E. C. Thomas & Company. In 1887, Frank G. Roberts and his brother, Harry C., purchased the interests of J. C. Roberts and E. C. Thomas, the firm name being changed to Roberts Brothers, existing in this style until 1892, when Frank G. bought out the interests of his brother, Harry C. In 1899 he sold out to his father J. C. and purchased a lot on Jefferson avenue, on which he erected a new store house. He now carries a full line of men's furnishings and shoes. His line equals that carried by Wheeling stores.

In 1884, Frank G. Roberts married Hannah C. Mangold, a native of Ohio. To this union were born eight children, as follows: Minna, deceased; Erma, Jenna, Frank C., Charles (deceased), Lloyd E., Margaret and Evelyn, the youngest two being twins.

Evan G. Roberts received his education in the public schools of Moundsville, West Virginia, and took a commercial course subsequently. Following this he engaged with his father and brothers in the mercantile business, continuing until 1901, when he engaged in the general insurance and real estate business.

Evan G. Roberts married October 9, 1902, Cora L. Courtwright, a native of Pennsylvania. He takes great interest in education and was a member of the school board for six years, two years being its president. He was a director of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank, when it was in existence and was a director in the American Building & Loan Association for several years. He is deeply interested in all matters that pertain to the improvement of Moundsville and of West Virginia in general. He is secretary of the Citizens Savings & Loan Company of Moundsville, which office he has held since its organization in February, 1905. His work in connection with this company has been most effective and in addition to the foregoing offices he has been serving as chairman of the finance committee on the board of city councilmen since March, 1911.

JOHN C. HUPP, A. M., M. D.—This venerable and honorable citizen of Wheeling, where he had maintained his home since 1847, had in his profession attained a most distinguished position and in the same his reputation transcended mere local limitations, thereby giving him precedence as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the nation. His life and labors, consecrated to the service of humanity, were benignant in all relations and he ever showed that deeper sympathy which overleaps mere sentiment to become an actuating motive for helpfulness. Further interest attaches to his career by reason of the fact that he was a scion of families that have long been established in America and that have been concerned with the nation's material and civic development and upbuilding.

The history of our country has ever been the history of the frontier. The spirit that has presided over our destinies since the day-dawn of freedom, has ever been the spirit of the pioneer. The creative, formative forces that marked the nation's miraculous birth; the achievements of a century distancing those of a cycle of the nations of old; the spirit that has preserved our honor unscathed amid the shock of battle and the riot of war; the progress and prosperity which, unparalleled in the history of the race,

have differentiated us from the peoples of other climes—all had their inspiration and their fruitage in the rugged lives of our pioneers, as they swung the ax in the primeval forest or turned the virgin glebe in the untamed valleys. Well may he be proud of an ancestry that braved the dangers and hardships of the frontier and blazed the path for mighty progress and it may be said of Dr. Hupp, that one of his greatest satisfactions was in reverting to the lives and deeds of those whom he could claim as his forebears and who played well their part in the frontier history of our great republic. His research along historical lines of this order has been most exhaustive and appreciative and he had at his command a large amount of most interesting and valuable historical data, that should not be permitted to remain unrecorded in permanent form—especially information concerning frontier life in the now opulent territory lying along the border of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. His family record tells the story of heroism and sacrifice in the days of frontier conflict with the Indians and the family he represented was founded in Virginia in the early colonial days.

In 1770 five brothers of the Hupp family came from the beautiful Shenandoah valley of Virginia and settled on Dutch Fork of the Buffalo creek, in what is now Washington county, Pennsylvania—a district then claimed as a part of Virginia. Four of these brothers were Philip, John, Frank, and Palsar, but the name of the fifth brother has failed of record.

In September, 1771, Frank Hupp was shot and killed by an Indian, while at Jonathan Link's cabin, twelve miles east of Wheeling, on Middle Wheeling creek. John Hupp, one of the five brothers, was the grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, and he was killed while aiding in the defense of Miller's block-house, on Buffalo creek, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, when the same primitive fortress was attacked by Indian allies of the British on Easter day of the year 1782. Palsar Hupp settled on the banks of the Monongahela river, near Millsboro, Washington county, and Philip established his home on Dutch creek in the same vicinity. John Hupp, Jr., father of the doctor, was a child of but two years when his valiant sire was killed in the siege of the block-house, as just noted, and he was born on the 27th of July, 1780, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared to maturity under the scenes and influences of the frontier. On the 19th of January, 1813, he wedded Ann Cox, daughter of another of the sterling pioneers of that locality and they became the parents of four children, Isaac, Joseph, Louisa and John Cox. The father devoted his entire active career to the great basic industry of agriculture and gained independence and prosperity through his own earnest and honest endeavors. He was a man of strong mentality, well-fortified opinions and impregnable integrity of character, so that he naturally commanded the confidence and respect of those with whom he came into contact. He continued to reside in Washington county, Pennsylvania, until his death, which occurred on the 12th of March, 1864, and he was a staunch supporter of the cause of the Union in the Civil war, which did not come to a close until after his death. He and his wife were in their lives unostentatious and noble. Mrs. Hupp was born on the 7th of June, 1791, and was summoned to the life eternal on the 26th of November, 1875, secure in the affectionate regard of all who came within the sphere of her gentle and gracious influence.

Dr. John Cox Hupp was born on the old homestead farm in Donegal township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, on November 24, 1819, and thus he had attained to the patriarchal age of eighty-nine years, with admirably preserved mental and physical faculties. He

was afforded excellent educational advantages in his youth and after a course in West Alexander academy, in his native county, he entered Washington and Jefferson college, in the judicial center of the same county, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1844, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1848, he received from his alma mater the degree of Master of Arts. It may be noted that in this college one of his fellow students was the late Hon. James G. Blaine. It was but a natural thing that a young man of such distinctive energy, ambition and self-reliance should early formulate definite plans for a future career, and Dr. Hupp thus determined to prepare himself for the exacting profession in which he was destined to achieve so much of success and distinction, as well as to prove a benefactor to his fellow men. After preliminary study under the effective preceptorship of Dr. F. Julius LeMoyne, a most able and distinguished physician and surgeon of his day, Dr. Hupp entered the Jefferson Medical College, in the city of Philadelphia, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1847 and from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. Hupp had been a close student and came forth specially well equipped for the work of his chosen profession. His financial resources, however, were very limited and he had his full quota of vicissitudes while establishing himself in practice. His professional novitiate was served at Philadelphia and in 1847 he came to Wheeling, where the passing years brought to him a large practice as the result of his ability, and close application. He continued in active general practice until he had attained the age of seventy-five and he ever kept abreast of the advances made in both medicine and surgery, the while he made significant contributions to this progress. No physician in West Virginia has gained higher reputation, or become more widely known and loved. He was one of the founders of the West Virginia State Medical Society. He was long and actively identified with the American Medical Association and was a delegate therefrom to the convention of the International Medical Congress, held in the city of Brussels, Belgium. He was a member of the executive committee of the medical congress held in connection with the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, in 1876. The doctor made many and valuable contributions to the standard and periodical literature of his profession. He witnessed the first authoritative cremation of a human body that was made in America,—that of the remains of Baron de Palm of Washington, Pennsylvania, in a crematory built under the direction of his former and honored preceptor, Dr. LeMoyne. In the same crematory was later incinerated the body of the distinguished Dr. Gross. In 1863 he was appointed physician of the Wheeling Children's Home and served continuously in this capacity until he retired from practice. By Governor Pierpont he was appointed state vaccine agent, and, through reappointment by Governors Boreman, Stephenson and Jacobs, he continued the incumbent of this position for fifteen years. He became a member of the United States board of pension examining surgeons for Ohio county at the time of its formation, as the first in the state, and he was president of the board until 1888, when he resigned. He was consulting physician to the city hospital of Wheeling.

Dr. Hupp was a strong Union man during the climacteric period of the Civil war and he was a stalwart Republican in his political allegiance. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and he was identified with various fraternal and social organizations of representative order. He was specially earnest in the furtherance of

educational work, and in 1873 he effected, while a member of the board of education, the introduction of the policy of giving to female teachers in the public schools of the city the same rank and remuneration accorded to male instructors doing the same work. In the same year he made a successful effort before the board of education to afford free school privileges to colored children, as well as to establish night schools. In 1875 he was instrumental in introducing the teaching of the German language in the Wheeling public schools and in 1877 he was successful in providing also a regular course of industrial drawing as a part of the curriculum. The doctor had no desire for public office, but he served with characteristic fidelity and efficiency as a member of the board of supervisors of Ohio county, of which body he was president in 1862.

On the 1st of March, 1853, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Hupp to Miss Carolene Louise Todd, who was born and reared in Wheeling, a daughter of Dr. Archibald Stevenson Todd, one of the early physicians of Wheeling, and who was his devoted companion and helpmeet during the long intervening period of more than half a century. Dr. and Mrs. Hupp became the parents of three sons and three daughters, all of whom are living except one son. The sons are Archibald Todd Hupp, Vice President of the Jos. Speidel Grocery Company and Dr. Frank LeMoyné Hupp. The daughters are Mrs. Charles V. Harding of Washington, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Robert H. Bullard and Mrs. Charles F. Dickinson of Wheeling.

In the dim vista of the past Dr. Hupp could look back with pleasure and gratitude in that it had been his to render worthy service as one of the world's workers and to gain the reward that comes of duty well performed, while in the gracious evening of his life he found himself surrounded by friends whom he had "grappled to his soul with hoops of steel" and whose affection had been full proved. His demise occurred November 19, 1908.

ROBERT L. RAMSEY.—Industry, effort, self-denial—surely these should find a place with the cardinal virtues, for through these come achievement. Perhaps when Robert L. Ramsey, the present efficient prosecuting attorney of Brooke county, West Virginia, was spending the long hours of wearisome days as a clay miner, independence, honors and public notice and esteem seemed far away. But he possessed the industry to make the effort to better his condition and the self-denial was more or less necessary, and hence, while not yet in middle life, he occupies a position of public responsibility for which he is indebted only to his own perseverance. He was born in the old cathedral town of Durham, England, in 1877, and in infancy was brought across the Atlantic ocean by his parents, who settled in West Virginia when he was six years old.

In boyhood Mr. Ramsey had some school privileges at New Cumberland, in Hancock county, but after the age of twelve years, he not only supported himself, but assisted his father in the more or less unequal struggle to provide for a growing family on a limited income. Obediently the boy worked in the clay pits near New Cumberland, but in some way he managed to secure school books and every leisure moment was devoted to their perusal. Necessarily frugal, he managed to save a portion of his wages and at length his capital so acquired was sufficient to justify him in entering the West Virginia University, where he remained a student for four years, utilizing his vacations to earn the money to pay further expenses. He was graduated with credit from



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the university and was immediately admitted as a student in the law office of Hon. J. R. Donahoo, of New Cumberland, with whom he continued for five years. He was admitted to the bar in 1901 and opened a law office at New Cumberland and remained there, with an excellent practice, until 1906, when he removed to Follansbee, and was elected city solicitor to the first council and also city sergeant, serving at present in the former capacity. He gained favorable notoriety as time went on and when his Democratic friends decided to nominate him for the important office of prosecuting attorney the proposal was a popular one, as was shown by his election with a handsome majority of three hundred votes, he being the first Brooke county man from Cross Creek district to be elected to any office in forty-seven years. Notwithstanding his popularity with all classes, Mr. Ramsey has made a record for himself as an unflinching public official, performing the duties of his office without fear or favor and raising himself still further in the estimation of law-abiding people. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is also a member of the Brooke County Bar Association.

On February 12, 1907, Mr. Ramsey was married to Miss Edna M. Brindley, a daughter of Jefferson Brindley, a resident of Brooke county, and they have one daughter, Charlotte. Mr. Ramsey can claim relationship with one of the pioneer coal merchants of this section, his great-uncle, Peter G. Headly, being the first shipper of coal, in 1842, that was ever sent from New Cumberland to Cincinnati and New Orleans.

WILLIAM MANZER CLEMANS is one of the best known men in the public life of Wheeling and vicinity. His efficient services in administrative and police capacities made a record that is a matter for pride to himself and the community.

Mr. Clemans was born at Steubenville, Ohio, in 1863, a son of Daniel and Olivetta Clemens. His early education he obtained in the Fulton public schools and at Frazier's College, and since leaving school he has been an active worker in useful vocations. His business experience has been chiefly in paper making, and he is expert in that line.

His first important public office in Wheeling was that of lieutenant of police, to which he was appointed in 1896. In 1899 he was promoted to chief of police. Mr. Clemans was elected to the office of sheriff of Ohio county in 1908.

Fraternally he affiliates with the Masons, Elks, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, Shields of Honor, etc. Mrs. Clemans, before her marriage was Frances Elizabeth Roth, daughter of Louis and Elizabeth Roth, her father being a tanner of Fulton, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Clemans have the following children: Gwendolyn Candis Clemans, Clara Elma Clemans, Roth Manzer Clemans, Vernon Clemans and Elizabeth Caroline Clemans.

HERMAN AUGUST HUNDT is one of the ablest young attorneys of the Wheeling bar. His success has been the result of independent effort, he has been a hard worker since he left school, and in the midst of this work he prepared for a profession and when he entered practice he already had a substantial record behind him.

Mr. Hundt is a native of Wheeling, where he was born December 28, 1876. His parents were Heinrich and Friedericka (Moenkemiller) Hundt. After graduating from the Wheeling public schools in June, 1893, he took up the study of bookkeeping and shorthand and had per-

fected himself in those branches by June, 1894. From 1894 to 1901 he was stenographer for the law firm of Caldwell & Caldwell of Wheeling. He was then employed as bookkeeper for the W. R. Jones Glass Company of Morgantown, up to 1904. In the latter year he began the study of law in the law department of the West Virginia University, where he was graduated in June, 1907. Since his admission to the bar he has acquired a large clientage in Wheeling.

Mr. Hundt is an active member and treasurer of St. Paul's Evangelical church in South Wheeling, and is a fraternal member of Bates Lodge, No. 33, A. F. & A. M., the Masonic Club, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is Republican, without taking an active part in practical party affairs.

On October 12, 1910, he was married by Rev. Aug. C. Rasche, of the St. Paul's church, to Miss Kathryn Elizabeth Knop of Wheeling. She is a daughter of Henry and Katherine Elizabeth Knop. Her father is a retired citizen of Wheeling.

JOHN H. BRENNAN.—As one of the representative younger members of the bar of his native city and as a member of one of the well known and sterling families of this section of the state, Mr. Brennan is consistently accorded recognition in this publication. He is engaged in the active practice of his profession in Wheeling, has received the best of academic and technical education, and his success in his chosen vocation is amply justifying his choice of the same. He has here been engaged in active general practice since 1907 and now has a substantial and representative clientele, based upon his personal popularity and his well proved powers as an advocate and counselor.

John Harold Brennan was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on the 2nd of October, 1884, and is a son of James Bernard Brennan and Frances (Smith) Brennan, who still reside in this city, where the father is engaged in the mercantile business. He whose name initiates this review gained his preliminary education in the public schools of his native city and in pursuance of his higher academic studies he entered historic old Washington & Jefferson College, at Washington, Pennsylvania, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1904, and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1908 his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. In preparation for the work of his chosen profession Mr. Brennan was afforded the best possible advantages, as is evident when it is stated that he completed the prescribed course in the law school of Harvard University, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1907, with the well earned degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the same year he was admitted to the bar of his native state and he has since been engaged in active practice in Wheeling, where his prestige shows a constantly cumulative tendency and where he has appeared in connection with a number of important litigations in which he has admirably proved his professional mettle. He is one of the popular young men of the metropolis of his native state, is a member of the University Club of Wheeling and is affiliated with the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity, besides which he is a member of the alumni association of Washington & Jefferson College and Harvard University. In politics he gives his allegiance to the Republican party. Mr. Brennan is a bachelor de facto, as well as in an academic and professional sense.



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THOMAS M. HASKINS, M. D.—A distinguished representative of the medical profession in West Virginia and proprietor of the Haskins Hospital, one of the splendid institutions of this order in the metropolis of the state, Dr. Haskins well merits special recognition in this history of "Wheeling and Vicinity." He is a man of the highest professional and intellectual attainments and in the establishing of his well-equipped hospital, maintained at the highest standard, he has provided a valuable and noteworthy contribution to the metropolitan prestige of his home city, where he commands a secure place in popular confidence and esteem and where he is known as a citizen of high civic ideals and distinctively progressive spirit.

The Haskins Hospital is located at 3327-29 Eoff street and adjoining the same is the beautiful home of Dr. Haskins. He was established in practice at Benwood, Marshall county, for four years and in 1891 he purchased the site for his present hospital, where he forthwith initiated the erection of the main building, which is substantially constructed of brick and stone, is four stories in height, not including basement, and one hundred feet in depth by fifty feet in width. In 1900, satisfied with naught but the best of accommodations and most modern and approved facilities, Dr. Haskins erected an annex, twenty by thirty feet in lateral dimensions and five stories in height. All rooms in the building have running hot and cold water and every appliance and accessory throughout is of the best modern type, including a fine Turkish bath room, the privileges of which are accorded to all patients without extra charge. The building and its equipment represents an expenditure of fifty thousand dollars and its annual cost of maintenance is twenty thousand dollars. It has ample provision for the accommodation of forty patients, professional nurses of the highest attainments are retained and in connection with the institution Dr. Haskins has a fine training school for nurses. Three assistant physicians are on the staff of the hospital, namely: Dr. A. V. Rinehart; Dr. C. L. Beaven, of Baltimore, Maryland, who came from the Baltimore City Hospital to Dr. Haskins; and Dr. John W. Myers, who has charge of the administration of anæsthetics. On the main floor of the building is located a finely equipped pharmacy, owned and conducted by Will Menkemeller, and a free ambulance service is maintained in connection with the hospital, which has a representative support and which has gained many patients from other states as well as from the various parts of West Virginia.

In 1903 the subject took over the glass manufacturing plant of Martins Ferry, known as the "Little Glass House" and engaged in the manufacture of illuminating goods for lamps and the like. Finding his facilities not adequate for his ideas of the output of his factory, he formed a stock company and purchased of the National Glass Company the old Ellison Glass House and consolidated the business, remodeling and improving the plant at an enormous expense. Here they manufacture a large variety of cut and pressed glass for illuminating purposes. The business has become well-grounded and favorably known and their goods are sold in all parts of the Union. The company gives employment to from two to three hundred people. The plant is located in Martins Ferry, Ohio, the main office being in the Schudbaugh building, in Wheeling. The office consists of a suite of four rooms and a force of nine persons is employed. Dr. Haskins is the chief owner of this plant. The concern is producing a new feature in glass for illuminating purposes, called Haskins-Lucida, which produces a soft, soothing light, yet a brilliant one and an intensified one.

Dr. Thomas M. Haskins finds a great deal of satisfaction in referring to West Virginia as the place of his nativity and also in the fact that he is a scion of one of the old and honored families of the historic state of Virginia. He was born on a farm in Wetzel county, this state, fifty-seven miles east of Wheeling, on August 19, 1859, and is a son of William H. and Anna J. (Brookover) Haskins, the mother a daughter of ex-Sheriff A. R. Brookover, of Wetzel county, West Virginia. The father was born in the eastern part of Virginia and the latter was likewise a native of the Old Dominion commonwealth. The father devoted virtually his entire active life to the great basic industry of agriculture and was a man of sterling character, ever commanding the high esteem of all who knew him. Both he and his wife passed the closing years of their lives on the homestead in Wetzel county, near Burton. The paternal grand-parents of Dr. Haskins immigrated to America from Ireland and established their home in Virginia in an early day. The Doctor was second in order of birth in a family of six children, and other than himself two sons survive the honored parents—John C., who was department foreman of the Benwood Steel Works and who resigned this position to engage in the feed business, which he conducted successfully in Wheeling, West Virginia; and Abram P., who resides in Wheeling with the Doctor and is connected with the Haskins Glass Company, of which he is a director and stockholder.

Dr. Haskins is indebted to the schools of his native county for his early educational discipline, and his ambition to fit himself for a broader sphere of endeavor than that of the farm was early quickened into decisive action, as he determined to prepare himself for the medical profession, in which it has been his to achieve marked distinction and success and to do a noble work in the alleviation of human suffering. As a means to an end he devoted several years to teaching in the public schools and at the age of twenty-two years he was elected superintendent of schools for his native county, thus setting at naught any application of the scriptural aphorism that a "prophet is not without honor save in his own country." He held this office two terms and thereafter was for two years a valued and popular instructor in a private normal school at Burton, this state.

In 1884 Dr. Haskins was matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, in which well-ordered institution he completed the prescribed technical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1886. With characteristic determination to hold none other than the highest standard of efficiency in whatever he undertook, he completed an effective course in the celebrated Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York city, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1888, thus receiving a supplemental degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1894 he took a course in the Post-Graduate Medical College of New York city and in his practice he has specialized in the treatment of diseases of the nose and throat, in which department of professional work he has gained a high reputation, as has he also in other departments of practice and in his hospital he gives special attention to surgery, which occupies a goodly portion of his time. He was still superintendent of the public schools of Wetzel county at the time of his graduation in the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Haskins served his professional novitiate in the community in which he was born and reared and after the lapse of two years he located at Davis City, Tucker county, whence he removed ten months later to the city of Benwood, Marshall county, which was the scene

of his earnest and successful professional labors until his removal to Wheeling, as has already been noted in this context. Though he has naught of animosity or intolerance for the various medical societies and associations, Dr. Haskins never found it necessary or expedient to ally himself with the same until 1910, and he is now a member of the Ohio County, the State and the American Medical Societies. He has never reported a case to medical publication from the time he began practice to the present, although his extensive experience and fine ability well qualify him for authoritative utterances along this line.

In politics the Doctor was a Democrat until 1893, since which time he has adhered to the Republican party. The intricate and exacting demands of his profession had precluded his entering the arena of practical politics until 1902, when he was elected a member of the city council, overcoming an opposition of four hundred party majority in his ward—the Eighth—with a majority of one hundred and sixty-three. His election was on the Democratic ticket. In 1909 he was elected on the Republican ticket a member of the board of control and was re-elected in 1911 over John Waterhouse, who was one of the popular wholesale grocers of Wheeling; this being strong evidence of the Doctor's popularity. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Shield of Honor, the Star of Bethlehem, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a man of broad views, unfailing courtesy, genial presence, deep humanitarian spirit and abiding human sympathy, so that he naturally has gained and retained the staunchest of friends among all classes and conditions of men.

On the 12th of September, 1893, Dr. Haskins was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Schenk, daughter of F. Schenk, one of the representative business men and influential citizens of Wheeling, and the five children of this union are Rhea, Mary, Edna, Thomas and Evelyn. The two eldest are students of Mt. De Chantal Academy.

HARRY BURKLEY, the vice president and general manager of the Cameron Tool Company, has been identified with this well known organization for the past eight years, and it is due to his fine initiative talent and progressive ideas that the enterprise has attained its present high standing. The Tool Company was first established in 1901, by Hook & Altenberk, and it was operated by these two gentlemen for about two years, at which time they turned over the business to a number of contractors. After a period of two years the new owners decided to sell out and the present owners, realizing the potentialities of the concern, were very ready to become the purchasers. In 1903, on St. Patrick's day, the company as it exists today was incorporated, with a capital of \$10,000, and with the following officers: William Burkley, president; Henry (or Harry, as he is popularly called) Burkley, vice president and general manager; Verne Monroe, secretary and treasurer. All three of the officers are skilled mechanics and they seem to vie with each other in their desires to improve the business, while at the same time they have no feelings of jealousy in regard to each other's achievements. The Company manufactures drilling and fishing tools, oil well supplies, etc.; the plant is large and its equipment of the highest order, as their machinery is first-class, and they hire none but competent workmen. The result is that they turn out the very best tools that can be obtained anywhere in the Union, and the output shows a constantly cumulative tendency. The Cameron Tool Company has become known as one of the most reliable corporations of its kind in

the union, and a word or two in regard to its manager seems suitable at this time.

Harry Burkley was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1866, the scion of an old German family. His father, William Burkley was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in the year 1836, and he was educated in his native land, where he received all the advantages which were afforded by the excellent schools in his town. In addition to the branches which a boy usually studies in the public school, William Burkley received a thorough training in commercial principles and in particular he became an adept in the science of bookkeeping. He came to America and took up his residence at Wheeling, where he was employed by Jacob Rhodes & Company in the capacity of bookkeeper at first, but his judgment was so sound and his suggestions so valuable that he later became a member of the firm. Mr. Burkley married Miss Lena Myers, who was likewise of German birth and had come to America in 1849, in company with her parents; the family settled at Wheeling, where they made the acquaintance of Mr. Burkley, with the result as above intimated. Five children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. William Burkley, namely Jacob R., Mrs. Carle, Mrs. Roe, William and Harry. The father of this family died in 1869, when his youngest child was little more than a baby, and to his widow was left the task of rearing the little ones. That her efforts in their behalf were crowned with success no one who has followed the history of the family can doubt, as they have all blossomed into men and women of prominence. Mrs. William Burkley now resides at McMechen, in close proximity to the children who are endeavoring in every way possible to show their appreciation for her devotion to them in their youthful days.

Harry Burkley, the youngest of the family, was only three years old when his father died, so that he has but a dim recollection of his sire. His boyhood memories cluster around the mother, who reared her children with so much care. After Harry Burkley had passed through the public schools in Wheeling, he entered the Baltimore and Ohio shops in order that he might receive some technical training as a machinist. He was both skilful and industrious and made such good progress that in 1888 he was deemed competent to take charge of the shops at Cameron. For a period of thirteen and a half years he retained this position, but he saw in it no opportunities for future advancement and in 1901 he went to work for the Cameron Tool Company, when it was first established, as indicated above. After two years of efficient service Mr. Burkley became one of the proprietors of the concern and its manager, and he has continued in this position ever since—a period of eight years.

In 1887, the year before Mr. Burkley was promoted to the office of foreman of the Baltimore and Ohio shops, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Young, who like himself had early been deprived of a father's care and had been brought up by her mother, Mrs. W. F. Dillon. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burkley, whose names are Cora, Harry and Charles.

Mr. Burkley is a member of the Masonic order, being affiliated with Cameron Lodge, number 17, Free and Accepted Masons, of which body he is past master. He is also connected with the Cameron Chapter of the O. E. S., with the Encampment in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Burkley was carefully trained in religious duties and he has for years been a member of the Presbyterian church and aids by his counsel in the capacity of elder, nor do his efforts towards Christian development stop with the

fulfillment of the duties devolving on such office, but his every day life is of such a consistent nature that he is a living exemplification of the faith he holds.

B. B. McMECHEN, one of the most prominent citizens of Glendale, is a representative of the family which has been identified with this portion of the upper Ohio valley from almost the time when the first white civilization was planted in these regions west of the Alleghanies. It is doubtful if any family of the entire Ohio valley surpasses this in length of residence and the honored activities of the individuals composing the various generations.

William McMechen, the original ancestor, who was born in Potomac county, Maryland, in 1724, of Scotch-Irish stock, came out and occupied land in the vicinity of the modern city of Wheeling in 1770, and was one of the first among the permanent settlers. He married, in 1769, Sidney Johnson, who was born in Maryland in 1744. Their children were: Sallie, born in 1771, married John Boggs; Nancy, born in 1775, married John McCulloch, a son of the famous Indian fighter, Major Samuel McCulloch, who to save his life from the Indians made the daring leap from the top of Wheeling hill; William, born in 1776, who married Ellen Armstead; Benjamin, born November 17, 1777, at the old Red Stone Fort in Pennsylvania; Jane, born in 1779, who married General Taylor; and Sidney, born in 1783, who became the wife of Thomas Barr in 1807.

Of this family, Benjamin, who was born in 1777, married, in 1804, Miss Nancy Boggs, who was born in Scioto county, Ohio, February 18, 1786. Their children were: Sidney, born December 18, 1805; William, see below; Hiram, born November 27, 1808, who married Hannah Armstrong; David B., born July 25, 1810, who married Mary J. Cummins; James H., born January 18, 1813, who married Miss Elizabeth Sehon; Mary, born December 11, 1814, who married, first Joseph M. Bushfield, and, second, General Jesse Logan; Jane T., born October 8, 1816, married Benoni S. Good, June 1, 1843; Elizabeth, born October 8, 1816, married John R. Morrow; Benson, born August 22, 1818, who never married; Lydia, born August 27, 1820, unmarried; Ellen, born November 13, 1822, who married Judge Halstead Caldwell, March 29, 1847; Susan, born November 1, 1824, who married Dr. Eugene Hildreth, April 2, 1851; Shephard, born April 6, 1827, who married Alcinda Cockayne, March 7, 1868; and Sarah A., born March 25, 1830, who married Aaron Kelley.

William, of the above family, was born March 2, 1807, and married Mary Blake. She was a native of Ohio county, West Virginia, and of Scotch descent, a relative of the Admiral Blake of the British navy. Their children were: Grace, Agnes, Sidney, Ellen, Virginia, Elbert, J. L. and B. B.

GEORGE T. SMITH.—Religious reformers in all ages have necessarily been men of remarkable courage as well as of religious conviction. In many cases they have labored without ever living to see the wonderful results that have blessed the same, while in other cases they have been permitted to enjoy in some measure the fruits of their zeal. Bethany, West Virginia, has much cause to remember a religious teacher, Alexander Campbell, who, after years of self-denying effort, succeeded in gathering here a body of followers whose united activities resulted in the establishment of a church and of Bethany College, and ever since this mountain city has been a stronghold of the Christians

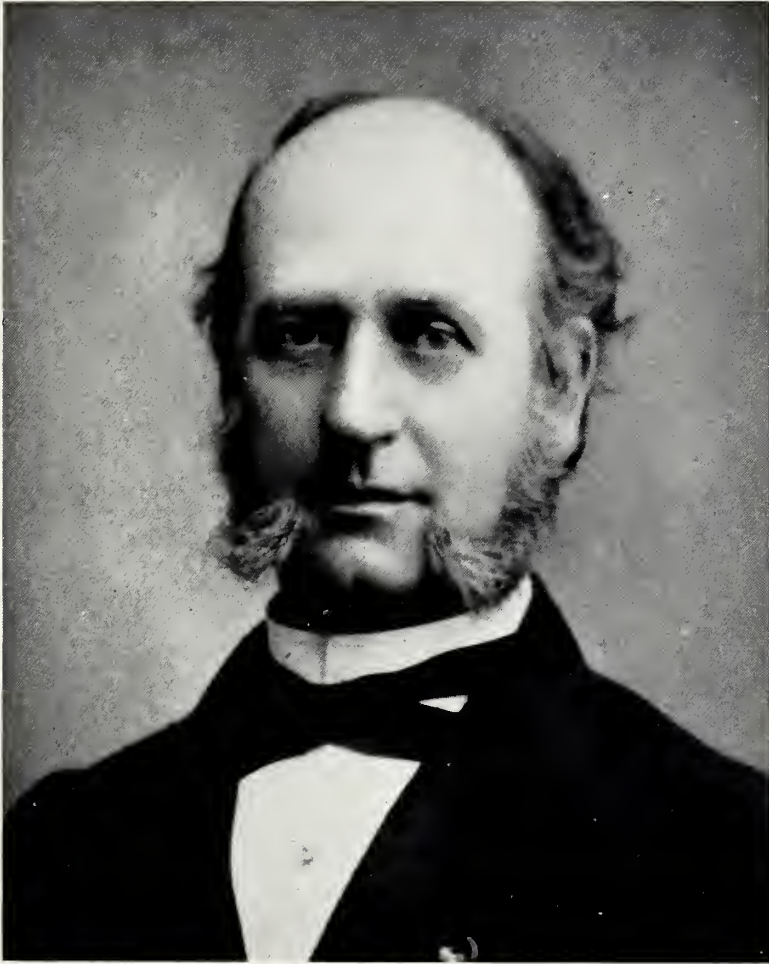
or, as they are at present known among Christian denominations, The Disciples of Christ, an organization which has had recognition since 1827. The first Christian church in the United States, over which Mr. George T. Smith is now pastor, was founded at Bethany by Alexander Campbell, himself, more than one hundred years ago. Its history is interesting, showing the struggles of a body of conscientious men and women, none of whom were endowed with a large amount of worldly goods, to maintain the organization and at the same time contribute to the upbuilding of the great educational institution in their midst, which was founded by their beloved leader in 1841.

The first church structure was built of stone and the congregation was ministered to mainly by members of the faculty of the college, who were men of zeal. By 1856 the first building had become too small and a brick structure took its place, which has served until the present time, when it is contemplated the building of an edifice which will be not only a memorial of the pioneers of this Restoration Movement, but a credit to the enlightened ministry and congregation of today. Mr. Smith entered upon this pastorate on March 9, 1911.

George Theodore Smith was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, March 25, 1861, and is a son of William J. and Sarah (Hall) Smith. Of their eight children he was the youngest born. Mr. Smith was reared in his native county and attended the local schools and later Valparaiso University. On February 23, 1882, he was ordained to the ministry of the Christian church, this impressive ceremony taking place in Mt. Zion Christian church, Lawrence county, Illinois, the same in which he was converted. For some time Mr. Smith filled charges in different sections of the country, meeting with encouragement wherever he was stationed, but for some twelve years during his earlier ministry, he was mainly engaged in very successful evangelistic work. On February 4, 1886, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Catt, a teacher, who was born near Vincennes, Indiana, 1864, and is a daughter of Fielding and Ann Catt. To this union were born ten children, seven of whom survive, namely: Minerva, Miriam, Mildred, Georgia, Gretchen, Harold L. and Lewis S.

Mr. Smith is a man of forceful character, seemingly well qualified to take charge of a church that must be very dear to members of this church body the country over. He understands its history, takes pride in its antiquity, and believes in its mission. He is a pleasing and eloquent speaker and enjoys the love and confidence of his congregation.

SAMUEL LAUGHLIN was born in Wheeling, September 25, 1831. His early life was spent in Zanesville, Ohio, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Margaret Blockson, with whose husband he learned the drug business. Later, with his brother, Alexander Laughlin, he engaged in the wholesale drug business in Wheeling, West Virginia, under the firm name of Laughlin and Bushfield—afterwards Laughlin Brothers and Company. Subsequently, and in connection with his brother Alexander, they organized the Laughlin Nail Company of Martins Ferry, Ohio, which company eventually became the largest manufacturers of cut nails in the country. Associated with Samuel and Alexander Laughlin in this enterprise were William L. Glessner, Morgan L. Ott, Malvin and David Gutman, Albert Wetherald and others. Samuel Laughlin, on behalf of the bondholders of the old Belmont Mill, assisted in the re-organization of the Belmont Nail Company, and during its incipency was president of the company, being succeeded by Thomas O'Brien. The Junction Iron Company at Mingo Junction, Ohio, with offices at Wheeling, was formed



Samuel Daughen

through the efforts of Mr. Laughlin and his associates from the wreck of the old Mingo Iron Company, makers of pig-iron. The Junction Iron Works consisting of a large cut nail mill, was built under the supervision of Samuel Laughlin who, after its completion, was made president of the company. At Mingo Junction was also established the Laughlin and Junction Steel Company, one of the first Bessemer steel plants in this vicinity. This mill supplied the Junction Iron Company and the Laughlin Nail Company with steel slabs used in the manufacture of steel cut nails. Samuel Laughlin was also president of the Laughlin-Junction Steel Company and was actively engaged with this company, the Junction Iron Company and the Laughlin Nail Company at the time of his death, which occurred from heart disease at Hurley, Wisconsin, September 26, 1883, where he was at the time inspecting ore property. Mr. Laughlin was director and vice president of the Exchange Bank, and a director in the Belmont and Benwood Iron Works. He was married in this city to Sydney P. Ott, daughter of the late Samuel Ott, and their sons are William H. Laughlin (deceased), Samuel O. Laughlin and George A. Laughlin. Mr. Laughlin was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Wheeling, and a Knight Templar.

GEORGE A. LAUGHLIN.—He whose name inaugurates this review has prestige as one of the representative business men of his native city, and is a member of one of the sterling old families of Ohio county. He has been identified with business enterprises in other states of the Union, but in 1899 returned to Wheeling, where he has since continued his activities in the field of business, and where he is known as a loyal and progressive citizen who takes a lively interest in all that touches the material and civic advancement and prosperity of the metropolis of his native state.

Mr. Laughlin, son of Samuel and Sydney P. Laughlin, was born in Wheeling, on the 28th of September, 1862, and was here reared and educated, attending school at Linsley Institute. Here, associated with his father in the iron business, he gained his initial experience in connection with practical business affairs, and in 1887, as a young man of twenty-five years, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where, engaged in manufacturing, he remained until 1896. In the year mentioned he removed to Richmond, the fine old Quaker City in Wayne county, Indiana, where he maintained his home until 1899. In Richmond Mr. Laughlin had charge of a large concern at Middletown, Indiana (in the gas belt), engaged in the manufacture of tin-plate. He returned to Wheeling in 1899, where he has since lived, giving his attention to his various business interests, which are of important order.

Of sound judgment and of proved public spirit, Mr. Laughlin was easily recognized as a man eminently well fitted for public trust, and has "given a taste of his quality" in several ways. He was made president of the Wheeling Board of Trade upon its organization in 1900 and was re-elected two successive years. Was elected to the West Virginia Legislature in 1900, serving one term, with credit to himself and profit to his constituents. He was a delegate-at-large from West Virginia to the Republican National Convention which met in Chicago in 1908. In the period of years included between 1902 and 1909 he was president of the Wheeling *Intelligencer*, a portion of the time as editor.

In his political conviction Mr. Laughlin is a staunch Republican, having since his earliest voting days given hand and heart to the men and measures of the "Grand Old Party." His opinion has well deserved weight in party counsels in the state of West Virginia, and it was as a

Republican that he was elected to the state assembly. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and his fraternal affiliations are with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Laughlin was happily married in New York city, on April 5, 1906, Mrs. Anna Bruning becoming his wife. They share their home with one son, Joseph Henry Bruning.

DEXTER WILLIAMS BOONE, M. D., is a representative of one of the prominent families of Bellaire and is a leader in his profession in this section, being not only a talented practitioner, but also a medical writer of ability and originality. In no profession is there more constant progress than in that of medicine and surgery, thousands of the finest minds the world has produced making it their one aim and ambition to discover more effectual method for the alleviation of suffering, some more potent weapon for the conflict with disease, some clever device for repairing the damaged human mechanism. To keep in touch with these discoveries means constant alertness, and while there may be in many quarters great indolence in keeping pace with modern thought, the highest type of physician believes it no less than a crime not to be master of the latest devices of science. To this type belongs Dr. Boone, his constant thought and endeavor being devoted to the profession of which he is so admirable an exponent.

Dr. Boone was born on the 4th day of November, 1859, in Spencer, Roane county, West Virginia, and is the son of D. G. and Melissa (Parsons) Boone. The father was a pioneer of the town of Spencer, his father having been one of the first to take up land in that county. He learned the trade of blacksmithing and he was engaged in the same throughout his life. He was also a pedagogue, teaching school in the winter months, and he was ever accounted a good and just citizen. He was in sympathy with the cause of the Union and at the time of the Civil war lost his life by a bushwhacker's bullet while in the court house. He was a member of the home guards and was often called out to drive the enemy from the little settlement in which he made his home. His mother was of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and of German descent, and the fine Teutonic characteristics formed an excellent foundation for the inculcation of American ideas. When the grandfather came as a pioneer from the Keystone state to West Virginia he drove the entire way, traveling facilities being still extremely primitive.

Born just before the beginning of the Civil war the guns of the great conflict boomed about the cradle of Dr. Boone. He was one of a family of two children and deprived of a father in babyhood, the cares and responsibilities of life early fell upon his young shoulders. His boyhood, up to fifteen years, was spent in Roane and Tyler counties, West Virginia, attending the public schools, but at the age mentioned he went west with visions of cowboy life filling his mind. He spent three years in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, but at the age of eighteen, finding himself satiated with the wild life, he came to Ohio and made his home with his uncle, Dr. J. S. Boone of Powhattan, Belmont county, with whom he read medicine for four years. Dr. Boone finished his medical education in the Ohio Medical College at Columbus, being graduated with the class of 1883, and first hung out his professional shingle at Sardis, Monroe county, Ohio, where he remained for three years. He then took a post-graduate course in the New York Polyclinic, and subsequently located in Bellaire, where his career has been a most useful and successful one. In 1904 Dr. Boone opened a private hospital, installing nine beds,

this being at the time the only hospital in the city. He superintended this hospital for three years. For the past eighteen years he has held the office of local surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, and for fifteen years he has been health officer of Bellaire. He is a member of the County and State Medical Societies, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Bellaire Lodge and Chapter, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dr. Boone was married in 1896, to Miss Jessie Webb, daughter of Thomas and Emma (Dunn) Webb, this union resulting in two children, Joseph and Martha. Mrs. Boone died in 1904. On November 17, 1907, Dr. Boone was a second time married, the lady to become his wife being Minnie Wassman, daughter of Frederick and Caroline (Wayman) Wassman, natives of Germany. Mrs. Boone was born in Wheeling and is a member of the First Presbyterian church, both she and her husband being honored members of society.

VERNE MONROE, secretary and treasurer of the Cameron Tool Company, of Cameron, West Virginia, is one of the representative business men of the town. In considering the life of a man, the first thing we inquire is what he has done in the past and we proceed to judge the man by his past achievements. We inquire as to the mistakes that have been made and the experience that has been gained from those mistakes; we want to know the efforts that have been put forward for betterment and we guess the number of times that opportunity knocked at the door. In short, we would know of a man if his past has been successful or not. In the case of Verne Monroe the question can be answered in the affirmative; he has most emphatically been a success in the past, as a brief recapitulation of the main events in his life will readily show.

Verne Monroe was born in Allegany county, New York, February 18, 1873, and is the son of Lewis S. Monroe, a native of New York state, and Isabelle (Logue) Monroe, a native of Pennsylvania. The date of the former's birth was 1845 and that of the latter 1844. Lewis S. Monroe was educated in the schools of New York state, where he was reared to adult years and then engaged in the blacksmith trade, a calling which his father had followed all his life. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Monroe became the parents of five children, the names of whom are as follows: Llewellyn, Flora, Verne, Effie and Archie, and of the five all are living today. The father departed this life January 18, 1894, and his wife is now living in Bolivar, New York. They lived to see all of their children grow to maturity and become of use in the world. The second son, Verne, is the only one whose history we will follow at this time.

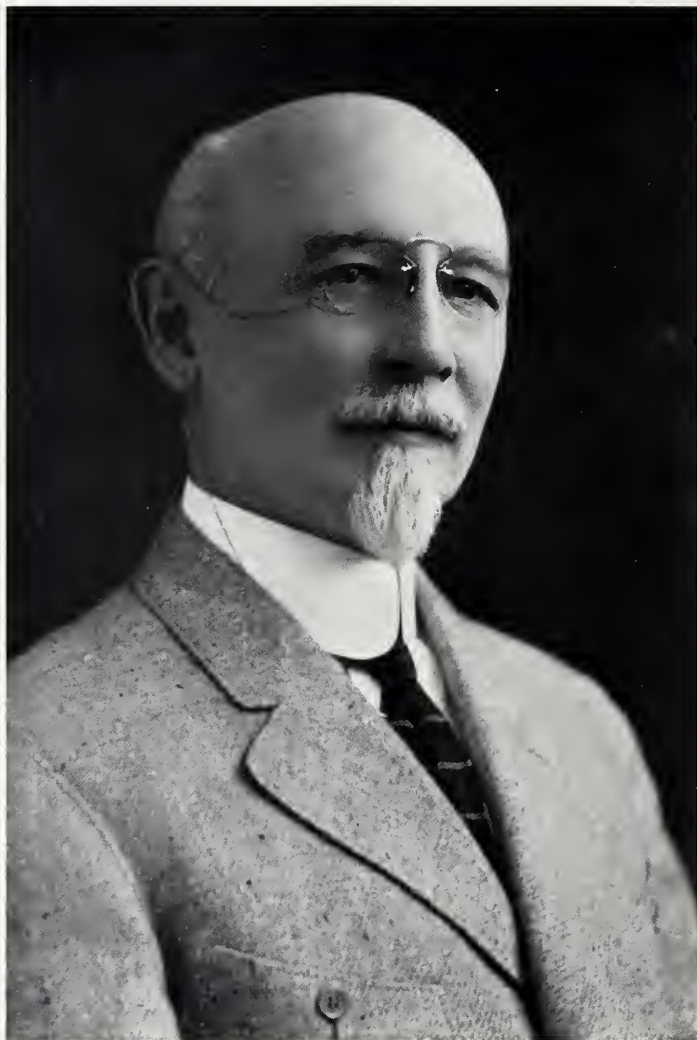
Verne Monroe was reared in the town of Bolivar in Allegany county, New York, and was educated in the public schools of the town until he reached the age of fourteen, at which time he was called upon to make a choice of the calling he would follow in order that his further training might be fitted to the work he intended to regard as his vocation. Brought up as he was within sight of his father's shop, where it was his delight to watch the sparks fly and to hear the sound of the hammer on the iron as manipulated by his father, it is small wonder that Verne felt that he should like to become a blacksmith and follow in the footsteps of his father and his grandfather. According to the good old custom of the time, Verne was apprenticed to his father in order that he might become proficient in the trade. The boy was diligent and possessed of the desire to learn, so that before long, under the cunning skill, the master mind and the deft hand of his father, Verne soon knew as much about the business as his tutor and could even teach him something. After his

apprenticeship was completed, Verne remained in his father's shop as his assistant until he was twenty-two years old, but at that time he decided that he would pull out and launch his own bark in unexplored waters; he felt that so long as he stayed there he would have no chance to widen his sphere and he was ambitious of becoming something more than his father or his grandfather had been. In 1899, therefore, Verne Monroe left his native county and went to Butler county, Pennsylvania, but a year's residence there convinced him that he had not yet found the location which he desired. He next took a trip to California, where he spent the following year in the land of fruit and continual verdure, but by the time the year had expired he determined to come back to Butler county, Pennsylvania, and make another trial there. Next followed twelve months of hard, uphill work in Butler county and in 1902 he pulled up once more and took up his residence at Cameron, West Virginia, which seems to have been the right move, as from that time on he felt that his future was assured; not that Mr. Monroe had made a failure at any period of his career, for he was so thoroughly master of his trade that he was bound to succeed under any circumstances, but at the same time, from the day of his advent in Cameron, it seemed as if his sphere had widened and he had at last reached the location for which he had been headed during his past years. In 1903, the year after his arrival in Cameron, he became a member of the Cameron Tool Company and held the offices of secretary and treasurer, in which capacities he has been serving for eight years with distinct profit to the company and with pleasure to himself. He is conceded to be one of the most skilled tool makers in the business and his product is sought after, not only in his own state but in other states and even in foreign countries.

Mr. Monroe was married at an early age, as he was only twenty when he wedded Miss Laura E. Turner, the daughter of Samuel and Mary Turner of Butler county, Pennsylvania, the date of the marriage being December 24, 1892. To the union were born five children, four girls and one boy, whose names are as follows: Esther, Alta, Mabel, Virginia and Edwin.

Mr. Monroe in his religious belief adheres to the faith in which he was reared and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is active in the work of the church and is a member of the official board, on which his suggestions are of the most helpful nature. He has for years been affiliated with the Masonic order, holding membership in Cameron Lodge Number 17, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a past master of the lodge, having served two years in the East. He is also a member of the Cameron Chapter, of which he is a past high priest, and he is a member of Wheeling Commandery, Number 1, of which he is the present warden. In addition to the above connection with York Rites, Mr. Monroe is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the O. E. S., and is now serving his second year as worthy patron of Lorraine chapter. During the eight years that Mr. Monroe has been in Cameron, he has made many friends, not only among his fraternal brethren, though they are many; not only among his business associates, though they are not inconsiderable; not only in his church relations, though they are numerous, but in each one of these connections and in his social life he has become both well known and deservedly popular.

CREED MALONE.—Among the well-known and enterprising young citizens of Bridgeport who are well entitled to representation in this work stands Creed Malone, for some time supervisor for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, but since November 1, 1911, assistant train master of the



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Wheeling division of that road. His native ability and invariable fidelity to duty have given him good standing in railroad circles, while as a man and a citizen of high ideals he is established firmly in the confidence and high esteem of all the people. The territory of Mr. Malone's supervision extends from Bellaire to Martins Ferry and Holloway, and his present office he has held for five years. He was with the Erie Railroad for three years previously, holding the same position.

Mr. Malone was born at Benton Ferry, West Virginia, and was residing at Cameron, West Virginia, when he first began his experience as a railroader. He inaugurated his career in this field in the humble capacity of water boy, but proving faithful and efficient in small things, was given more and more to do. He was in course of time promoted to a clerkship under his father, who was also supervisor in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and who served for twenty-eight years in that capacity. The elder gentleman, Mr. Ingol Malone, is now with the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad as roadmaster.

After holding the clerkship with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad above alluded to, for the space of four years, the subject was again promoted, this time to assistant supervisor under his father. He held the latter office for four years, and then severed his connection with the Baltimore & Ohio and joined forces with the Erie, which intrusted him with the position of supervisor, which he held for three years. He was stationed during that period at Kent, Ohio. He then returned to the service of the Baltimore & Ohio, and has held his supervisorship for five years, being generally recognized as one of its most trustworthy officers. On November 1, 1911, he was promoted to assistant train master of the Wheeling division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, with headquarters at Bridgeport, Ohio.

On the 27th day of April, 1905, Mr. Malone was happily married to Miss Hattie, daughter of H. F. and Ida Stuckrad, his chosen lady being a native of Kent, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Malone share their charming home with two children; Lee F. and Creed Junior.

Mr. Malone is a member of the ancient and august Masonic order and exemplifies in his living the ideals of moral and social justice and brotherly love of that order. He is connected with the Shriner division. He belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Ingle and Rebecca (Ridgeway) Malone, both natives of West Virginia, are the parents of the subject. Their children number five, Creed being third in order of birth.

ROBERT M. BROWNE.—For more than thirty-five years Mr. Robert Miller Browne has been actively identified with the business and civic interests of Wheeling, where he is now the senior member of the firm of Browne Brothers, the leading merchant tailors of this city. He is a man of high civic ideas and essentially one of the representative business men of the city.

He was born February 8, 1859, in Leatherwood, Ohio county, Virginia (now West Virginia), one of the attractive suburbs of Wheeling. He is one of the eight children of Henry K. and Gertrude (Clements) Browne, natives of Port Glenone, county Derry, Ireland, who came to this country in 1850 and settled in Wheeling, where they lived until the close of their lives.

In the year 1873, Robert accepted the position of clerk with the old firm of Thomas Hughes and Company, established in 1840. After managing the office several years he became a partner in the business and

for more than a quarter of a century continued to be identified with the concern with which he connected himself when a youth.

In 1899 a partnership was formed with his younger brother, Mr. Andrew G. Browne, of New York city, and the present firm of Browne Brothers was established under the most favorable conditions. This firm erected, in 1904, a thoroughly modern business block at 1420 Market street, known as Browne Brothers' Building, equipped on the finest metropolitan order and their reputation for strictly high class work is the very best, not only in this city, but in Ohio, Pennsylvania and throughout the entire state of West Virginia.

Mr. Browne is a member and director of the Wheeling Board of Trade, chairman of the Committee of Education and Health, a director of the Business Men's Association; also a prominent Mason and an influential churchman, having served as vestryman in St. Matthew's Church for twenty-five years and is treasurer of the parish. He is also prominently identified with the diocese of West Virginia and is a trustee of the Episcopal Fund.

Masonry has conferred many honors upon Mr. Browne. He is a past master of Bates Lodge, No. 33, a past commander of Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar, and the present preceptor of Consistory No. 1, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, having attained the thirty-second degree Knight Commander, Court of Honor, by the Supreme Council at Washington, D. C.

On January 29, 1884, he was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Woodward Smith, who is the daughter of the late DeWitt Clinton and Elizabeth Getz Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Browne have two children, Elizabeth Hayes, who resides with her parents, and Robert Miller, Jr., who is a student at the Wheeling high school.

Mr. Browne's character and services are such that he merits the unequivocal esteem of all who know him. He has traveled much, particularly through his native state and probably no man in the state of West Virginia has a wider acquaintance. He is a progressive, public-spirited citizen in business, in church, in fraternal and in social relations.

MRS. MARY D. TOMLINSON.—Ever since the year 1745 there has always been found at least one person bearing the name of Tomlinson who has participated in the development of Virginia in a civil, military, commercial or other public capacity. Mrs. Tomlinson, a member of this notable family, is not only connected with the history of the Old Dominion by marriage, but her father and her more remote ancestors have been prominent in this commonwealth. Mrs. Tomlinson, therefore, with her sweet and gracious demeanor, combined with her forceful personality, bears on her shoulders the combined honors of the two houses so well known in Moundsville and in West Virginia in general.

Mrs. Mary D. Tomlinson (nee Morris) was born in Elizabethtown (the present city of Moundsville) in 1831. Her father, James D. Morris, was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, in 1806 and died at the advanced age of ninety-six, after a long life of usefulness. In 1829 he moved to Marshall county and was the first clerk of that county, an office which he worthily filled for many years. He was a member of the Virginia legislature at the time the state was divided and himself took an active part in the thrilling sessions which preceded the division. For many years he was a teacher in the Virginia schools, at a time when schools were few and efficient teachers difficult to secure. He witnessed the installment of the first free schools of the state and was throughout his

entire life greatly interested in educational matters. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary A. Israel, was born in Clarksburg, Virginia, February 18, 1809, and she gave birth to two daughters, Mary D. (Mrs. Tomlinson) and Sarah A. (Mrs. Tancill, deceased). Mrs. James D. Morris died in 1832. When Miss Mary was just twenty years old she was united in marriage to Alfred Tomlinson and they became the parents of two children, James M. and Mary, the latter the wife of the Rev. M. F. Compton of Grafton, West Virginia, a member of the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have two boys, Henry T. and Alfred F.

In order to understand the status of Mr. Alfred Tomlinson in West Virginia it will be necessary to glance back to the year 1745 and cross the ocean to Ireland, where there lived three brothers bearing the name of Tomlinson. They together left their native land, took passage on the same sailing boat bound for the United States, landed on American soil, and then separated, each to make his own way in his own particular method and in the location of his own choosing. One settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, another in North Carolina, while the third came to Virginia and became the ancestor of the West Virginia Tomlinsons. His name was Joseph (I) and he made a settlement in a small place called Little Meadow, near Cumberland, Maryland; he was born on the 12th day of October, 1712, and in his native land he married Drusilla Swearingin, who became the mother of his ten children. In 1770 one of his sons, Joseph (II) made a tomahawk settlement at what was then known as Flats of Grave Creek and is now called Moundsville. In the meantime the father, with his son Samuel, continued to explore; they went as far as the Great Kanawha and stopped at the mouth of the Muskingum river, where they laid claim to four hundred acres of land. Joseph (I) then returned to Little Meadow, to find that several of his children had moved to the Flats of Grave Creek; he stayed on in Little Meadow until 1793, when he followed his sons to the Flats. He spent the many years of his life in Moundsville and its vicinity, in companionship with his children. When he had celebrated the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birth he began to fail in strength and on the first day of December, 1797, he died in Wheeling, attended by the three sons who were living in Virginia, viz.: Jesse, who had married a Virginia lady and maintained his residence in the commonwealth; Benjamin who married Miss Rachael Greathouse and resided above Wheeling; Joseph (II), the grandfather of Alfred Tomlinson (husband of Mrs. Mary D.).

Joseph (II.) was born at Little Meadow, Maryland, in 1745, the year that his parents immigrated to America, and, as before mentioned, he settled at the Flats of Grave Creek in 1770; the following year he returned to Flat Grave, then back to Wheeling in 1772. In 1775 he married Elizabeth Hartness, made a permanent settlement at Moundsville, Marshall county, Virginia, purchased a large tract of land, which he called Elizabethtown, in honor of his wife, and there they reared their ten children. Joseph (II) died at Moundsville in his eightieth year (1825) and his widow survived him twenty years, living until she was eighty-three years old, when she quietly passed away to join the husband of her youth and middle age. Her demise occurred in 1845. The Tomlinsons have always believed in perpetuating family names, thus in the house of Joseph (II) were found Joseph (III), Jesse, Nathaniel, a son who died in his youth and several daughters.

Joseph (III) was a native of Wills Creek, Maryland. When a young man, in 1808, he married Susan McMahon, the daughter of an old Virginia family. The same year he built his log cabin and two years

later, in 1810, their daughter Elizabeth was born. The little mother was one of the charter members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Marshall county at the time when it was called Ohio county, while her husband was no less interested in the civic progress of the neighborhood. He also lived for many years at Williamstown, West Virginia, where he died. He was justice of the peace in 1816, sheriff in 1835 and served as a member of the legislature later in life. In 1840 he built the brick residence known as the Tomlinson home; during the ensuing seventeen years the husband and wife enjoyed a life of ease and contentment. In 1857 Mrs. Tomlinson breathed her last and seven years later, in 1864, her husband died.

Nathaniel, the next son of Joseph (II) to whom attention is particularly called, was born in Moundsville, Marshall county, in 1823. He passed his boyhood and youth in his native town, where he married Miss Margaret Ransom and became the father of two children, Eleanor C. and Alfred. The boy was reared to adult life in the city with whose growth and progress his ancestors had been so closely identified, and was also educated in the schools of Moundsville. There he followed the occupation of farming and there he married Miss Mary D. Morris, in 1851, as stated in the early part of this biography. He died on the 10th day of May, 1900, while his widow (comely with the beauty which advanced years ever brings to those whose lives have been pure and true) retains the high social position which for years she has occupied in Moundsville.

W. W. GRAY, PH. C., has been one of the leading business men of Benwood for several years. A public-spirited citizen, he has been a factor in the prosperity of his home city while developing a large business of his own, and is one of the prominent men to be mentioned in a review of Benwood's citizenship.

The Gray Drug Company was incorporated in 1906 and has since been one of the large establishments in Benwood's mercantile enterprises. Dr. Gray is owner of the controlling interest in this business. Though a young man, his career has been marked by noteworthy achievement. He was born in Marshall county, West Virginia, in 1884. His parents, James M. and Amanda (Conner) Gray, are both natives of West Virginia. His father, now in the state service, was for thirteen years in educational work, and held office on the state board of examiners and has taken an active part in political matters, being a Republican in politics.

Dr. Gray was a student in the high school of Moundsville while a boy. His educational and professional opportunities have been liberal, and he distinguished himself as a student. From the high school he entered Scio College of Scio, Ohio, where he graduated, and was professor of pharmacy one year in that institution. He is also a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and of the Detroit Optical College. In the line of his profession he did much analytical work in Ohio and West Virginia after leaving college, and then engaged in the business at Benwood.

In 1905 Dr. Gray was married to Miss Mary Carman. Her father, Samuel Carman, is a wealthy farmer of Jefferson county, Ohio. Dr. Gray is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Ohio Lodge, No. 1, Wheeling, West Virginia. He is a Republican in political belief, and is a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife holds membership in the Christian church.

Dr. Gray's only brother, C. Edward, is also a licensed pharmacist. He was graduated with the class of 1911 from Washington-Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania, with the degree of A. B. During



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his college career he was private secretary to the president of the college and was editor of the "Red and Black," the college magazine. He was noted throughout the state as an athlete during his college life. His ability promises for a fine career.

EDMUND M. KIRCHNER.—Wheeling may well place reliance and take pride in the status of her native sons who have here become potent factors in her industrial, commercial, professional and general business activities, and many of the number stand exemplar of that progressive spirit through the agency of which is being compassed the upbuilding of the larger and greater city. Altogether worthy of consideration as a member of this class of loyal and energetic young business men is Edmund M. Kirchner, who is here an influential figure in connection with real estate operations and whose well ordered activities are doing much to foster material and civic growth and prosperity. He is a son of Michael and Katherine (Coleman) Kirchner of Wheeling, where the father had long been identified with the furniture business in association with G. Mendel & Company. The mother still resides in Wheeling. The family has at all times commanded secure vantage place in popular esteem in this community.

Edmund Michael Kirchner was born in Wheeling and the date of his nativity is October 20, 1880. After availing himself of the advantages of the excellent parochial school conducted in connection with St. Alphonsus' church, he further fortified himself for the practical duties and responsibilities of life by a course in the Moise Business College, one of the valued institutions of Wheeling. He has familiarized himself thoroughly with all details of the real estate business, in which he initiates his service in the dignified capacity of office boy, and in connection with this important line of enterprise he has arisen to a position of distinctive prominence and influence in his native city, where he is now president of the Mozart Improvement Company and also the Hesse & Kirchner Company, engaged in the real estate business, besides which he is secretary of the Wolfhurst Land Company and treasurer of the Lansing Land Company. He is liberal and progressive as a citizen and is known as one of the reliable, enterprising and substantial business men of the younger generation in the West Virginia metropolis, where he has won advancement through his own ability and well directed efforts. He holds membership in the Arion and Columbia Clubs, representative social organizations of Wheeling, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church, in which they hold membership in the parish of St. Alphonsus' church, under whose gracious auspices he was reared. He has never had any desire to enter the arena of practical politics and is independent in his affiliations.

On the 17th of May, 1906, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kirchner to Miss Emma M. Keller, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of Gregory and Theresa (Sheibelhood) Keller. Her father is one of the representative stone contractors of Wheeling. Mr. and Mrs. Kirchner have two children, Marcellus C. and Eugene.

HON. E. N. BOGGS.—The standard by which to judge a community is the character of its prominent citizens. Progress is rarely, if ever, the result of chance, but always the execution of well-laid plans based on a thorough comprehension of the laws of business. It is only by keeping in view the lives of men who are associated in the busy marts of trade that we can judge of the importance of development and the

possibilities of progress. Thus it is from the commercial, more than the literary or political side, the most valuable lessons of life are to be extracted. In this connection, as a gentleman whose business qualifications have proven of the best, as indicated by the numerous enterprises he has brought to a successful issue, a brief biographical sketch is given by the Hon. E. N. Boggs, of Barton, Ohio.

Mr. Boggs was born in Barton township, Belmont county, Ohio, in 1859, the son of Francis and Elizabeth Boggs, of Belmont county. In his early years he worked on his father's farm and received a common school education, but in 1885 he left the home property to commence operating a coal mine on a small scale, year by year adding to his holdings and enlarging the scope of his operations. In 1892 he first entered the mercantile field as the proprietor of a mercantile establishment in Barton. This enterprise, also, was inaugurated on a small scale, but Mr. Boggs' business qualifications soon raised it above the ordinary, and it developed into a department store with five thousand feet of floor space. Soon he opened branches at Maynard and Crescent, which, like the Barton store, have become the leading establishments of their kind in their localities, and by 1906 his mercantile business had grown to such an extent that he was compelled to give it all of his attention and he subsequently disposed of his coal property. Self-reliance is and has been one of Mr. Boggs' strongest characteristics, and in his business enterprises he has always relied upon his own judgment for results rather than the opinion and advice of others. He is cautious and firm in his judgments and reliable; in manner he is social and friendly, and possesses qualities that readily win admiration and respect. Naturally a man who has been so successful in the management of his business has been called upon by his fellow townsmen to fill positions of honor and trust. For a number of years he served as a member of the school board, and later he was trustee of his township. Eventually, in 1910, he was chosen by the people of Belmont county to represent them as a member of the State Legislature, and in looking after the interests of the public he has shown those same characteristics of firmness, fairness and honorable dealing that have marked his business career. He is a prominent Mason and has attained to the Knight Templar degree.

In 1891 Mr. Boggs was united in marriage with Miss Jemima Hall, the estimable daughter of Thomas Hall, and four of their five children are living: Paul R., Marjory, Mildred and Alda. The first-named is a graduate of Staunton Military Academy, of Virginia.

Mr. Boggs comes of one of the old and honorable families of this section, his grandfather, David Boggs, having come to Belmont county, Ohio, at an early day. Extensive traveling through this country and Canada has given Mr. Boggs a comprehensive knowledge of business and political conditions as they are today, and his keen powers of observation have made him one of the best-informed men on these subjects to be found in his part of the state. Generous and liberal toward all beneficent institutions that he believes will be for the good of his city and the public at large, just to a fault and ever thoughtful of those connected with him in social and business relations, Mr. Boggs has a host of friends and admirers, who express the greatest confidence in his ability to represent the people in the legislative halls of his state.

REV. THOMAS JOHNSON.—The subject of this sketch, Thomas Johnson, was born near Birmingham, Worcestershire, England, January 21, 1827, and died at the midnight hour, March 30, 1904. The son of

Christian parents, he began as a mere child to read and study the Bible, and under their tutorage made rapid advancement as a student of God's Word. At an early age his work and character attracted attention, and he was recognized by the Methodist Church, of which he was a member, and licensed to preach. Being a poor boy, he could give only his spare moments to this work, but his consecrated efforts soon gained for him local admiration.

Mr. Johnson married Ann Slater, December 22, 1850. With his wife and five small children he came to America in 1862. On the voyage a son sickened and died, and was buried at sea. On arriving in America, he settled at Niles, Ohio, where he secured employment in a rolling-mill as a puddler. From Niles he went to the mines in Mercer county, Pennsylvania; then to Summit county, Ohio, and in 1870 purchased a farm near Deer Park, Maryland, where he lived until about 1880, when he sold his property and moved to Nelsonville, Ohio, to join his two eldest boys, Thomas and Edward, who were then mining coal. The father worked in the same pit with his two sons until his retirement several years afterward. He came to Columbus a year ago, and since then has resided with his wife and son Solomon, at the West Broad Street residence.

When Mr. Johnson came to America he brought with him his license to preach as a local preacher, and at once took up his labors along religious lines. Wherever he resided he frequently went on ministerial missions, supplying pulpits, and assisting the regular pastors in special revival efforts. He always took an active part in everything that would tend to advance the interests of his church and its people. These were always as dear to him as the apple of his eye, and he strove to advance them to the full limit of his power and ability. From year to year his license as a local preacher was renewed, the last renewal—for about the fiftieth time—being by the Quarterly Conference, of Glenwood Methodist Episcopal church, Columbus, Ohio, he being a member of that church at the time of his death.

Besides the bereaved widow, nine children remain to cherish the memory of a faithful, devoted husband, and affectionate father. The children are: Thomas and Edward Johnson, of the Johnson Coal Company, Columbus, Ohio; Henry Johnson, manager of the Coshocton mine of the company; William Johnson, of the Loraine Dock and Coal Company, Bridgeport; James Johnson, of the Loraine Dock and Coal Company, Bridgeport; Mrs. George Wells, Athens; Mrs. William Wheeler, Alton; Mrs. Charles J. Hill, of near Athens; and Solomon, the youngest son, who resides with the widowed mother. A son, Charles Johnson, died about fourteen years ago, leaving a wife and two children who reside in Columbus.

Mr. Johnson was a Christian, not in name only, but in life. He believed Christianity to be not only a doctrine, but a life. No one who ever heard him talk could doubt this; it was manifest that his soul held communion with God. Not only a sincere Christian, he was a great-hearted Christian. He was not content to go to heaven alone, but his great heart of love reached out to "earth's remotest bounds," and cried for "ransomed sinners to return." And he was a useful Christian. He was not like Nicodemus or Joseph of Arimathea, a secret follower of Jesus, but like Gladstone, a defender of the faith and an earnest preacher of the gospel. Last of all, he was a happy Christian, as every sincere and useful Christian may and should be. He was a superlatively happy Christian. He seemed to enjoy everybody and everything; he found honey in every flower. He invested every object with the halo of his own lovely char-

acter. Like the sun, he made brightness by the radiations of his own cheerfulness. He was happy in the things of this world; it was a bright world to his glad eyes and grateful heart. But he was happier in the things of the world to come. This was manifest as he drew near to its realities. There was no dread, no reluctance, no shrinking; but on the contrary, a joyful anticipation of the glories of his heavenly home. With humble penitence he had no reliance on his own merit; but trusted fully the redemption of Calvary. This made that chamber of death the brightest of spots even at the midnight hour; for it was illumined by a waiting host of Easter angels, and was made the vestibule of heaven by the welcoming presence of the King.

J. W. JOHNSON.—In every community may be found men who from one cause or another, have advanced in some direction ahead of the mass, and in nine cases out of ten it will be found, on investigation, that such men have won this precedence through their own efforts. In these modern days a self-made man is held in honor and admiration, his fellow citizens very generally recognizing the vital qualities which he must possess to succeed in the face of fierce competition. In this connection may be mentioned J. W. Johnson, who is manager of Blaine Mine No. 5, of the Loraine Coal and Dock Company, a family organization owning and operating six productive coal mines in Ohio and large factors in the coal industry in the country. The president of this company is Edward Johnson, who was born in England; the vice-president is Thomas Johnson, who was also born in England; while the superintendent, J. W. Johnson, was born at Niles, Ohio, June 6, 1863. Their parents, Thomas and Ann Johnson, were natives of England, who immigrated to the United States about 1862, locating for a short time in Maryland, but settling permanently in Ohio, first at Niles, in Trumbull county, and later at Nelsonville, in Hocking county. Through two marriages the mother had fourteen children.

J. W. Johnson and his brothers had but meager educational advantages and all went to work with their father in coal mines as soon as age and strength permitted. In the course of years they accumulated capital through provident saving and this they invested in certain lands which their mining experience told them were rich in coal deposits, and in the subsequent developing of this land they have become men of wealth and importance. To their early purchases they added as opportunities were presented and through the exercise of business foresight and shrewd handling of properties they are now the owners and operators of rich coal lands, having four mines in Belmont county, Ohio, and two in Hocking county. As business men they all stand high. J. W. Johnson has served this company, of which he is a stockholder, for twenty-three years as mine boss and superintendent, and for five years was general superintendent for the Pittsburgh Coal Company, during which time he had charge of nine mines. The Blaine mine, of which he is the superintendent, was opened by him in September, 1910, and the company owns about five thousand acres of land adjacent to it. He has three hundred men under his control and has the work so arranged that satisfaction prevails in every department and the vast output is one thousand four hundred tons of coal per day, and when some present arrangements in relation to the mine are completed the output, at no more expense, will be greatly increased.

On September 22, 1886, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Cora Nelson, and to this union the following children were born: Rema, who became the wife of Dr. William Cann, who is deceased; Wilbur, who



J. W. Johnson

is a student in a dental college; and James Dow, Metta and Stanley. Mr. Johnson was reared in the Methodist Episcopal faith, his late father having been a preacher in the same. He died at Columbus, Ohio, his widow still surviving.

H. NORTHWOOD COMPANY.—Wheeling offers great inducements for the prosecution of industries of great magnitude, particularly manufacturing enterprises, by reason of her eligible location, available supply sources, desirable internal facilities and ready financial fostering. That these facts are realized is shown by the wide scope and importance of the industrial and commercial activities of the city, whose advancement along normal lines of business has been greatly accelerated within the past decade through the application of that progressive spirit which is promoting the upbuilding of the larger and greater city. Among the foremost industries of Wheeling is that conducted by the H. Northwood Company, manufacturers of plain and decorated crystal and colored glassware, and special interest attaches to the concern by reason of the fact that it is one of the oldest of the kind in the state, with a history covering a period of three-fourths of a century.

The plant of this company is located at the head of Thirty-sixth street, and here operations were instituted in the year 1836, when the firm of Plunkett & Miller established a small glass manufactory, with a ten-pot furnace. In April, 1845, the property passed into the hands of James B. Barnes and John L. Hobbs, and in 1849, as well as in 1856, there were changes in the personnel of the firm without affecting the operation of the plant. In 1861, at the inception of the Civil war, the fires of the furnace were out for six months, as many of the employes enlisted for service in the ranks of either the Union or Confederate armies. In 1863 the property was acquired by the Hobbs-Brockunier Company, in which John L. Hobbs continued as an interested principal. With but slight changes this company operated the plant until about 1893, when it passed into the hands of the National Glass Company, which closed down the same. In May, 1902, the business was taken in hand by Harry Northwood, a man of broad and varied experience in the manufacturing of glass, and under his direction the factory was equipped with the most modern machinery and accessories. Since that time he and his associates have continued operations without interruption, and the concern is now one of substantial order and marked prosperity, with facilities of the best order, with ample capital and with the strongest of practical administration.

When Mr. Northwood came to Wheeling and effected the organization of the H. Northwood Company he did not come as a stranger in a strange land, as he had been employed in the original plant thirty years previously when John L. Hobbs was its head. He is a native of England and is a member of a family known as the oldest in the glass-working industry in that country. His ancestors were identified with this line of industry in England for many generations, and there representatives of the name are still engaged in this line of enterprise. Added to his hereditary predilection for the glass business Mr. Northwood has shown an original genius for invention and has evolved a number of new and successful appliances and methods that have proved of great value in the furtherance of glass manufacturing. The business of the H. Northwood Company has shown a constantly cumulative tendency and is now one of wide scope and most substantial order. In the finely equipped plant employment is given to a force of nearly five hundred operatives. The officers of the company at the present time are here noted: George

E. House, president; Harry Northwood, vice-president and general manager; and Dent A. Taylor, secretary and treasurer. Frank M. Miller is representative of the company in New York city, with offices at 25 West Broadway.

DENT A. TAYLOR.—One of the important industrial concerns that is contributing much to the commercial precedence of Wheeling is the H. Northwood Company, manufacturers of plain and decorated crystal and colored glassware, and of this company Mr. Taylor is secretary and treasurer.

West Virginia was still an integral part of the historic Old Dominion commonwealth when the Taylor family was founded within its borders and the name has long been identified with its annals. Dent Addison Taylor was born in the city of Wheeling, on the 7th of February, 1863, and is a son of William and Mary (Wheeler) Taylor, both of whom were born and reared in the state of Virginia. He whose name initiates this review was about five years of age at the time of the family removal to Guernsey county, Ohio, where he was reared to adult age and where he was afforded the advantage of the public schools. Afterward he held several responsible positions, and in 1907 he accepted a position with the H. Northwood Company. Mr. Taylor is ever ready to give his co-operation in support of measures and enterprises advanced for the general good of the community and, while he has had no predilection for activity in political affairs, he gives his allegiance to the Republican party. He is affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. They are valued factors in connection with the social activities of the community and their attractive home is known for its hospitality.

In the year 1888 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Taylor to Miss Josephine Petermann, who was born and reared in Wheeling, and who is a daughter of Henry C. Petermann, long a representative citizen and business man of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have four children—Katherine, Virginia, Eleanor and Morgan, all of whom remain at the parental home except Katherine, who is the wife of John Harold Young, manager of the Center Foundry & Machine Company, of Wheeling.

JAMES HALL LANCASTER, a native-born and well known citizen of Wheeling, has been actively identified with public office and business in this city for the past thirty years.

He was born in this city, January 2, 1863. His parents were James Ady and Roxana (Hall) Lancaster. His early education was obtained in the city public schools and the Wheeling Business College. In September, 1882, when about twenty years of age, he was appointed United States deputy surveyor of customs at Wheeling, and held that position until March 1, 1887. From the latter date until January 1, 1889, he was clerk of the Wheeling board of public works. Since that time he has been connected with commercial life. He was bookkeeper for McMahan, Porter & Company at New Cumberland until January 1, 1891, and then became bookkeeper of the Schmulbach Brewing Company of Wheeling. Elected March, 1893, he has been secretary of this company to the present time. He was one of the promoters of the Conservative Life Insurance Company, for about two years was secretary and general manager of the Fairmont & Clarksburg Railroad Company, is a member of the Board of Trade, and is treasurer of the Mozart Park Association. He affiliates with the Republican party.



Albert R. Grotz

Mr. Lancaster is a member of Wheeling Lodge, No. 28, B. P. O. E.; a member of Black Prince Lodge, No. 19, K. of P., and from 1899 to 1903 was brigadier-general of the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias of West Virginia; he is also a member of LaBelle Lodge, No. 2, A. O. U. W.

He married Miss Katherine Elizabeth Vogel, daughter of John M. and Anna Sevilla Vogel, her father being a retired citizen of Wheeling. Walter Lemmon Lancaster, their first child, died January 3, 1892; the second is Katherine Elizabeth Lancaster.

A. R. GROTZ.—The manufacture of glass is one of the oldest industries of which there is knowledge, but it is not definitely known at what date it originated, although Egyptologists claim that the Egyptians made glass jewels at least 5000 or 6000 B. C. Certain it is that it is one of the most honorable of occupations, and one which necessitates much ingenuity, years of study and a most comprehensive knowledge of every detail of the business. A. R. Grotz, who has been a resident of Wellsburg, West Virginia, since 1886, is now connected with the Eagle Glass Company of this city, and has had many years of practical experience in glass manufacturing and designing. He has not confined his efforts to this line, however, as he has a well established catsup and mustard business, which he conducts as a side line. Mr. Grotz was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1860, and is the oldest of the nine children born to Sigmund and Teresa Grotz.

He was reared and educated in his native city, and at an early age became interested in the glass industry, traveling and working in various shops throughout several states in order to fit himself by a wide experience for a life of future usefulness. He first engaged in business on his own account in Liverpool, Ohio, but sold out his interests there to come to Wellsburg, in 1886, and here he has continued ever since. Twenty-eight years of experience have given Mr. Grotz an intimate knowledge of the details of the business, but it is to designs and machinery that he has invented and patented that he has given the greater part of his attention. It is a well-known fact that a Hobnail Rosette design for glassware was invented and patented June 15, 1882, and was widely known and used all over the United States and Europe. Many claimed the honor of the invention until Mr. Grotz proved conclusively that he was the inventor. Much credit is due Mr. Grotz for establishing his title to same, and those who had tried hard to defraud him were among the first to be prosecuted. Today the design is extensively used, as are also other machines and designs of his invention.

It is due to his ingenuity and resourcefulness that the Eagle Glass Company is able to give so many novelties to the trade and to introduce innovations in this line, and as a consequence Mr. Grotz has a country-wide reputation. For thirteen years he has been connected with this concern, but he has also found time to engage in other business ventures, and in 1910 he erected a tomato, catsup and mustard plant in Wellsburg, his grounds being seventy-two by two hundred and thirty feet, while his plant covers a floor space of four thousand square feet. The capacity of this plant is sixty barrels of catsup and twenty-five barrels of mustard weekly, and the plant is sanitary in every respect and equipped with the latest and most highly improved machinery. Mr. Grotz's dwelling, which is situated next to the factory on Main street, is one of the finest in Wellsburg. Mr. Grotz ranks high both as a citizen and a business man, and has the respect and esteem of the entire community. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias.

In 1881 Mr. Grotz was married to Miss Mary Loaber, and they had several children, of whom one, Harry, still survives. He married Miss Lillian Jones, and they have one son, Harry, Jr.

G. EDWARD MENDEL, son of the late George Mendel, is closely identified with many important enterprises of Wheeling, and through his own public spirit and endeavors continues the fine influence which was exercised in the life of the city so many years by his father.

George Mendel, who died at Wheeling, January 29, 1875, gave his ability permanent form in several lines of business that are still important features of Wheeling's commerce. He was born at Wellsburg, this state, in 1812, and came to Wheeling as a boy. He learned the cabinet trade, and on that laid the foundation of a large business success. He and his company erected what was at the time the largest furniture factory of this city. At one time he was president of the Franklin Insurance Company and the Wheeling Savings Bank, was a director in the Exchange Bank, and a large stockholder in several other corporations and enterprises. By his marriage, February 28, 1839, to Sarah Richardson, he was connected with one of the pioneer families of Wheeling, her father, John Richardson, being among the early citizens here.

Mr. G. Edward Mendel is a son of that marriage and was born in Wheeling, and since leaving school has been engaged in a business career. The furniture and undertaking business which was established by his father in 1836, was conducted by the son, who is a licensed embalmer, until January 7, 1907, when he sold out the furniture department, but yet continues the undertaking.

Mr. Mendel is well known in connection with undertakings which have brought credit and prosperity to Wheeling in the broader sense. He was one of the originators of the West Virginia Fair Association, which for thirty-two years has performed its functions in bringing Wheeling into prominence as the metropolis of the state.

He is also a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade, the Business Men's Protective Association, and the Board of Charities of West Virginia. He is a trustee of the Elks Lodge, and a director of the Elks Club, a member of the Fort Henry Club and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Mr. Mendel was married (1st) on the 9th of October, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth Handlan, daughter of the late John Handlan. Their first daughter, Elizabeth, married Frank H. Crockard, and they have one son, Francis H. Mrs. Mendel is deceased. Mr. Mendel married (2nd) August 15, 1883, Miss Mary Wheeler, of Hammondsport, New York, and their daughter, Nancy W., married Fred Rodarus and has one child, Mary. Mr. Mendel is a director in the Germania Half Dollar Savings Bank, is a stockholder in the Exchange National Bank, the La Belle Iron Works, the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, the Greenwood Cemetery Association, and is represented in several other business capacities. Mrs. Mendel is a member of the Episcopal church.

FRANK W. NESBITT.—Judge Nesbitt has gained distinction as one of the able and honored legists and jurists of his native city and state and is now presiding on the bench of the First Judicial Circuit of West Virginia. Through his character and services he has honored the profession of his choice, as has he also the name which he bears, and he is a scion of one of the sterling families of West Virginia, which has been his home from the time of his birth to the present. He is a son of Thomas Wilson Nesbitt, who was born at Belfast, Ireland, and who has long been

numbered among the influential citizens of Wheeling. Thomas W. Nesbitt was united in marriage, when a young man, to Miss Rebecca Watterson, who was born and reared in Wheeling, West Virginia, and they are now both living in Wheeling, West Virginia. Both are zealous members of the U. P. church and both have ever held secure place in the confidence and high regard of all who know them. Of their children two sons are now living.

Judge Frank Watterson Nesbitt was born in the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, on the 4th of April, 1870, and here his earlier educational advantages were those afforded in the public schools, after leaving which he pursued higher academic studies in Linsly Institute, one of the fine institutions of the city of Wheeling. In 1888 he was matriculated in the University of Wooster, at Wooster, Ohio, where he continued his studies for four years, and was graduated with the degree of Ph. B. class of 1892. In preparation for his chosen profession he entered the law department of the historic old University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, where he completed the prescribed technical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1895, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar of his native state in 1895, and forthwith engaged in the general practice of his profession in Wheeling, where his ability and close application made his novitiate one of brief duration. He soon gained prestige as a trial lawyer of versatile powers and much resourcefulness, and he has won many noteworthy victories in connection with important causes presented in the state and federal courts. He has been a close and appreciative student of the science of jurisprudence and thus has gained a broad and exact knowledge of both law and precedents. He made an excellent record as a public prosecutor during his incumbency of the office of prosecuting attorney of Ohio county, from 1901 to 1904, inclusive, and he has served as city solicitor of Wheeling from 1897 to 1900. By character, talent and naturally judicial cast of mind, Judge Nesbitt was distinctively eligible for the important office to which he was called in 1906, when he was elected to the bench of the First judicial circuit of the state, an office of which he has since remained the able and valued incumbent. His decisions and rulings have been signally fair and impartial, based upon the law and governed by the highest sense of equity and justice, and thus his decisions have met with practically no reversals by the courts of higher jurisdiction. His character is the positive expression of a strong and loyal nature and he is altogether worthy of designation as one of the distinguished jurists and representative members of the bar of West Virginia, the while he holds commanding place in the respect and confidence of those who know him and have appreciation of the true worth of the man.

In politics Judge Nesbitt is found aligned as a staunch supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and he is affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity, as well as with the local organizations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The University Club of Wheeling likewise finds his name enrolled on its membership list, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On the 20th of October, 1897, was solemnized the marriage of Judge Nesbitt to Miss Della Goodwin, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of J. T. Goodwin, a prominent wholesale druggist and influential citizen of this city. Judge and Mrs. Nesbitt have one son, Russell Goodwin Nesbitt, who was born on the 11th of August, 1898.

WILLIAM B. CASEY.—In entering record concerning the able and representative members of the bar of the metropolis of West Virginia there is all of consistency in according such recognition to Mr. Casey, whose success in his profession has been of unequivocal order and who is also a prominent factor in the councils of the Democratic party in this section of the state. He has been a resident of Wheeling since 1905, and was here actively identified with the affairs of the Conservative Life Insurance Company, a local corporation, from the time of its inception until 1908, when he engaged in the active practice of his profession, for which he had admirably fortified himself and in which he has built up a substantial practice of representative character.

William Burns Casey claims the old Keystone state as the place of his nativity, as he was born at Modock, Butler county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of May, 1875, and he is a son of John William and Effie (Williams) Casey, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was for many years identified with the oil business in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and thus the family moved from place to place during the boyhood and youth of the subject of this review, the father's period of residence in any one locality being regulated by the extent of operations and stability of the oil and gas production in the different oil fields. The major part of the early educational training of William B. Casey was gained in parochial and public schools in Warren and Washington counties, Pennsylvania, and while still a boy he secured employment in connection with the oil operations with which his father was identified. Save for the period devoted to educational work he continued to be concerned with this line of industry until about a decade ago, and in the meanwhile he had formulated definite plans for his future career. For the purpose of preparing himself for the work of his chosen profession he entered the law department of the West Virginia University, at Morgantown. He was afterward admitted to the bar of the state, but did not at once engage in active practice. On the contrary he came to Wheeling and turned his attention to the life insurance business, as a representative of the Conservative Life Insurance Company, with which he continued to be associated until 1908, in June of which year he engaged in the practice of his profession, to which he has since given practically his undivided time and attention. He occupies offices with Fred L. Maury, another attorney, at 1413 Chapline street, and he has proved himself an effective trial lawyer and conservative counselor, with the result that his professional business is constantly expanding in scope and importance.

In politics Mr. Casey has ever given unqualified allegiance to the Democratic party and he is an effective advocate of its principles and policies. He has been active as a worker in its ranks and is at the present time representative of the Clay district as a member of the Democratic executive committee of Ohio county. In the autumn of 1910 he was a candidate for nomination on the party ticket for the office of representative of Ohio county in the house of delegates of the state legislature, but was defeated by Hon. Nelson C. Hubbard. He is affiliated with the local organization of the Order of Owls and holds membership in the club maintained by the same. He is a communicant of the Catholic church.

In April, 1906, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Casey to Miss Evelyn Fleahman, daughter of John and Mary Fleahman, of Altitude, Ohio, where her father is engaged in the retail grocery business and is also the owner of a valuable farm property. Mr. and Mrs. Casey became the parents of three children, of whom two are living—Mary Effie



Andrew G. Browne

and John William. The second child, Margaret Katherine, died at the age of twenty months.

ANDREW G. BROWNE.—The firm of Browne Brothers, of Wheeling, is an establishment that in its equipment, facilities and service is maintained at the highest metropolitan standard, and of this well-known and representative firm Andrew G. Browne is the junior member. His status in the community for strict integrity, solidity of character and self-made achievements is such as to justify most fully his recognition in this history of his native city, where his parents, the late Henry K. and Gertrude (Clements) Browne, continued to reside until their death and where both were held in unqualified popular esteem. The father was identified with local business activities for many years and was a citizen whose sense of honor and uprightness of character were unquestioned.

Andrew Godfrey Browne was born in Wheeling, on the 10th day of March, 1861, and gained his educational discipline in the schools of this city and in New York city. In the National Metropolis he gained his initial experience in connection with the line of business with which he is now prominently concerned, and there he was for a number of years one of the interested principals in the renowned high class establishment of Andrew J. Connick, Connick Building, 244 Fifth avenue.

He returned to Wheeling, and with his brother, Robert M. Browne, who likewise is one of the progressive and popular business men of the West Virginia metropolis, established in February, 1899, the firm of Browne Brothers. In 1905 the handsome five-story Browne Building at 1420 Market street, was erected, in which their business is conducted and is beyond question a combination of utility and artistic effect, altogether unusual in fine tailoring establishments. The firm controls a most substantial business of the highest class and caters successfully to a representative and appreciative patronage.

He whose name initiates this review has had no predilection for the honors or emoluments of public office, but he stands exemplar of loyal and public-spirited citizenship and shows a lively interest in all that touches the welfare of his home city, where he is a valued member of the Associated Charities and a supporter of other worthy institutions. He is affiliated with all the various Masonic bodies in Wheeling, a past eminent commander of Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar, and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite. Having demitted from the various bodies in New York, he still retains membership in Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

He is a member of the Wheeling Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also of the Fort Henry Club and the Country Club, representative social organizations of the city.

Both he and his wife are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which they hold membership in the parish of St. Matthew's church. They are valued factors in connection with the social activities of the community and their attractive home is located at 719 North Main street.

In New York city, on the 10th of August, 1905, Mr. Browne was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Hammersley Smith, daughter of DeWitt Clinton Smith and Elizabeth (Getz) Smith, who were pioneer residents of Cincinnati, Ohio.

GEORGE N. WELLS.—Entitled to recognition in this publication as one of the popular and enterprising business men of his native city, Mr.

Wells is president of the Wells & Wingerter Company, one of the representative wholesale and retail cigar concerns of Wheeling, and concerning his associate in this prosperous business, Adrian L. Wingerter, specific mention is made on other pages of this work.

George N. Wells was born in Wheeling, on the 14th of October, 1870, and is a son of Robert H. and Sarah L. (Holmes) Wells, natives respectively of Wheeling and Pittsburgh, but both died in Wheeling. The father was a nailer by trade, which he followed through life. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Wells found in the excellent public schools of Wheeling ample opportunities for the gaining of requisite educational discipline, and he applied himself to study with the diligence and appreciation of the average boy and youth, with a due and vigorous predilection for play and sports. At the age of fourteen years he entered upon an apprenticeship at the trade of nailmaker, in one of the leading manufactories of Wheeling, and with this line of industry he continued to be identified until 1890, when he engaged in the cigar and tobacco business, in which he has gained marked success and precedence. He is now president of the Wells & Wingerter Company, which was organized in 1901, and which conducts a large and substantial business in the handling of cigars and tobacco at wholesale and retail, with a well equipped establishment at No. 40 Twelfth street. The company also has a branch establishment at Huntington, this state, and its flourishing business is based upon effective service and correct methods, which have given to the concern high reputation. Vitaly interested in all that tends to foster the material and civic progress of his native city, Mr. Wells is known as one of its alert and substantial business men and loyal and public-spirited citizens, and his personal popularity in the community is of the most unequivocal order. He is an active and valued member of the Municipal League, is aligned as a supporter of the cause of the Republican party, though never a seeker of public office, and he is a member of the directorate of the Wheeling Business Men's Association. He is affiliated with Wheeling Lodge, No. 28, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a director, as well as treasurer, of the Elks Club, besides which he is secretary and treasurer of the Musee Bowling Association.

On the 27th of September, 1899, Mr. Wells was united in marriage to Miss Bessie L. Sims, daughter of Captain William S. Sims, a steamboat owner and representative citizen of Clarington, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are popular factors in connection with the social activities of Wheeling and their pleasant home has an added attraction in the presence of their fine little son, George Winfield, who was born on the 8th of December, 1901.

ADRIAN L. WINGERTER.—One of the progressive and sterling business men of the younger generation in the city of Wheeling, which has ever represented his home, is Adrian Laurence Wingerter, who is secretary and treasurer of the Wells & Wingerter Company, which conducts a substantial and extensive wholesale and retail cigar business, with well equipped establishments in both Wheeling and Huntington, this state. Concerning the company further mention is made in the sketch of its president, George N. Wells, on other pages of this publication, and both of these interested principals are known as reliable and enterprising business men of high standing in local commercial circles.

Adrian Laurence Wingerter was born in Wheeling, on the 18th of August, 1872, and is a son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (White) Wingerter, the former of whom was born in Germany, and the latter in Ire-



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land. The parents maintained their home in Wheeling, where both died. There the father was long identified with business interests and he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Of the children five sons and four daughters are living. Adrian L. Wingerter gained his early educational training in the parochial school conducted in connection with St. Joseph's church, the cathedral church of the Catholic diocese of Wheeling, and this discipline was supplemented by a course in St. John's College, at Fordham, New York, where he remained a student for several years. For eight years prior to identifying himself with his present line of business Mr. Wingerter was in the employ of the great mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Company, with headquarters in Wheeling, and since 1901 he has been actively concerned with the wholesale and retail cigar and tobacco trade, in which he associated in the organization of the Wells & Wingerter Company, in 1901. As an excellent salesman and effective executive officer he has contributed admirably to the upbuilding of the large and substantial business of the concern in which he is a principal, and he is known as a man of vigorous initiative power and progressive business ideas, as well as one of sterling integrity of purpose, with the result that he commands a secure place in the regard of the people of his native city. His political support is given to the Republican party, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church, in which they are members of the parish of St. Joseph's cathedral. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is identified with the United Commercial Travelers' Association, and holds membership in the Carroll Club, the Jack Bass Club, and the Arion Club, all of which are representative social organizations of the city of Wheeling.

On the 10th of September, 1907, Mr. Wingerter was united in marriage to Miss Mary Phyllis Burke, of Chicago, and they have one son—Adrian Laurence, Jr.

ROBERT WILLIAM KYLE, president of the R. W. Kyle Company, was born in the city of Wheeling in 1860 and for many years has been one of the active citizens and business men. His parents were Robert and Maryan (Downey) Kyle.

His early education was obtained in the public schools and the Wheeling Business College, after which he learned the plumbing trade. For a number of years he has been engaged in the plumbing and heating business, and his establishment has a high reputation in the city.

Mr. Kyle is a member of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church of Wheeling, and fraternally is a member of the Elks. On March 20, 1897, he married Miss Emma B. Daub, a daughter of Louis and Barbara Daub, both now deceased. They have two children, George Robert and E. Jenette Kyle. Mr. Kyle is a Republican, and he is a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade.

WILLIAM A. WILSON.—Not only has this honored citizen wielded marked influence in connection with the progress of Wheeling along industrial and commercial lines, but he has also had much to do with the material upbuilding of the city and is a member of one of the old and distinguished families, the name which he bears having been identified with the history of the West Virginia metropolis for many years, the while it has ever stood exponent of the staunchest integrity of character and of unequivocal civic loyalty. He whose name initiates this review is one of the essentially representative business men of his native city and his

capitalistic and industrial interests are of important order. He is a senior member of the firm of W. A. Wilson & Sons, the most extensive dealers in paints, oils and builders' supplies in the entire state, and he is also head of one of the leading concerns engaged in the manufacturing of building supplies in Wheeling. His course has been marked by broad-minded policies and has been guided by those principles of integrity and sincerity that ever beget objective confidence and esteem.

William A. Wilson was born in the old family homestead on North street (now Fifth) in the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, and the date of his nativity was July 8, 1842. He is a son of William Penn and Sarah (Pannell) Wilson, the former of whom was born in the state of Delaware, on January 1, 1800, of staunch English lineage and a member of a family prominent in the Society of Friends. Mrs. Wilson was born at Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1803, and was a daughter of George and Jane Pannell; her brother, the late Andrew J. Pannell, was a prominent and influential citizen of Wheeling at the time of his death. William Penn Wilson died in Wheeling, on the 24th of July, 1873, and his cherished and devoted wife was summoned to eternal rest on the next day, so that in death they were not divided, the remains of both having been interred in one grave on the 26th of July. Their marriage was solemnized in the year 1832, and concerning their children the following brief data are entered: George Pannell Wilson enlisted in the defense of the cause of the Confederacy at the inception of the Civil war as a private in Shiver's Greys, and he was killed in the battle of Manassas; Samuel died at the age of twelve years and Alexander died in childhood; William A., of this review, was the next in order of birth and is the only survivor of the children; Charles H., who died at the age of twenty-seven years, was at the time a member of the contracting firm of Donald Gray & Company, of Wheeling; and Sarah Jane, the only daughter, died at Wheeling while on a visit. She resided at Brookfield, Missouri, where her husband, George W. Martin, is still a newspaper editor and publisher.

William Penn Wilson came to Wheeling in 1822 and became one of the pioneer contractors and builders of the future metropolis of West Virginia. With this line of enterprise he continued to be identified until 1852, when he became associated with John McLure and Anthony Dunlevy and engaged in the building and operating of steamboats on the Ohio river, under the firm name of McLure, Dunlevy & Company, which was changed a few years later to Wilson, Dunlevy & Wheeler. This firm built the "Thomas Swan," the "Baltimore" and the "City of Wheeling," three of the seven magnificent steamers of the Union Line of packets operating between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. Mr. Wilson long held precedence as one of the most progressive business men and most honored and influential citizens of Wheeling, and he was for many years a valued member of the city council, besides which he gave effective service as a member of the board of supervisors. In politics he was originally an old-line Whig and upon the dissolution of this party he espoused the cause of the Democratic party, under whose banner he continued to be aligned during the remainder of his life. He was a man of independent opinions and broad views and was well equipped for leadership in thought and action. He and his wife held membership in the old Fourth Street Methodist church until 1849, when, with a few other members of that church, they became identified with the organization of the North Street Methodist Episcopal church, of which they continued devoted and zealous members until their death. Mr. Wilson also became one of the early manufacturers of nail kegs in Wheeling

district, when this city made one-third of all the cut nails manufactured in the United States, in which the firm engaged in the early 60's, practically without competition in this field. After the death of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Dunlevy their sons succeeded to their business interests and continued operations under the original firm name. The plant of the concern was located on the bank of the Ohio river, between Fifth and Sixth streets, and with the passing years it was found expedient to change the function of the same to the manufacturing of packing boxes. This proved a profitable enterprise and was continued until 1890, when the plant and grounds were sold to the Pittsburg, Wheeling and Kentucky Railroad Company, which now uses the property for railroad yards.

William A. Wilson is indebted to the schools of his native city for his early educational discipline, and as a youth he gained practical experience in connection with the business activities of his father. He succeeded to the latter's business after the father's death, as has already been noted in this article, and in 1866 he engaged in the lumber business, with the incidental operations of a planing mill. The business had been established in 1849 and in the purchase of the property he became associated with Clark Hanes, under the firm name of Hanes & Wilson. With this important industrial enterprise Mr. Wilson has continued to be actively concerned during the long intervening years and the business is now conducted under the title of W. A. Wilson & Sons. The firm assumes contracts for the erection of buildings and sub-lets contracts for excavation and masonry. The finely equipped plant, modern in its mechanical appliances and facilities, is located at 432-8 Main street, and in connection with the same is maintained a large and well-stocked lumber yard. In 1875, as a branch of the planing-mill and lumber business, Messrs. Hanes and Wilson opened a retail paint and oil store at 1428 Market street, and later the headquarters of the concern were transferred by Mr. Wilson to the eligible property which he had purchased for the purpose, at 1409-11 Main street, where the business is now conducted under the title of W. A. Wilson & Sons. The enterprise is both wholesale and retail in its ramifications and the concern is the largest of the kind in the state. Paints, glass and builders' supplies are handled and the business is one of wide scope and importance, thus proving a valuable contribution to the commercial prestige of Wheeling. In 1894 Mr. Wilson admitted to partnership his son William P., and in 1900 the younger son, Arch A., became a member of the firm, whereupon the present title of W. A. Wilson & Sons was adopted. The firm employs an effective corps of traveling representatives, who cover Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia and a part of Maryland. The facilities of both the lumber and paint establishments have been increased to fully thirty times their original capacity and the policy of Mr. Wilson has ever been to do a large business at small specific profits. The two lines of business are conducted independently and each has its own executive office force. Mr. Wilson is president and director of the Commercial Bank and is the owner of valuable realty in his home city, aside from properties to which reference has already been made.

As a citizen Mr. Wilson is notably progressive and public-spirited and he has found much satisfaction in aiding those enterprises and measures that have conserved the growth and prosperity of Wheeling. He has served several times as a member of the city council and also as a member of the board of education. He is an appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which he is affiliated with Nelson Lodge, No. 30, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Wheeling Chap-

ter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templars; Scottish Rite bodies of the southern jurisdiction; and Osiris Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership in a local lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and he and his wife are active and valued members of the North Street Methodist Episcopal church. The beautiful family home, a center of gracious hospitality, is located at 504 Main street. The elder son, William P., married Miss Eleanor Wright, and they reside at Glen Cairn, five miles east of Wheeling. They have two children—Georgia T. and William P. In politics Mr. Wilson is found arrayed as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor.

On the 10th of June, 1867, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wilson to Miss Texana Arndt, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of the late Jacob Arndt, a prominent and honored citizen of Wheeling for many years prior to his demise. Besides the two sons already mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had one daughter, Flora Campbell, who married Charles Lamb and had one child, William W. Mrs. Lamb died January 20, 1910. The other son, A. A. Wilson, married Gene Waterhouse, and they have three daughters—Ellen, Gene and Texana.

JAMES P. ROGERS.—With the history of the city of Wheeling the name of James Patterson Rogers (deceased), has been prominently identified, especially through his distinguished services as a representative member of the bar, and he was actively engaged in the practice of his profession in Wheeling for forty years. Through all his life there was accorded to him a tribute of honor as a man of high intellectual and professional attainments, sterling integrity and high ideals; as a lawyer and as a citizen he produced results of most positive and beneficent character. James Patterson Rogers was born in Wheeling on the 29th of April, 1838, at which time this section of the state was still in the embryo of industrial and civic development. He is a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Johnston) Rogers, the former of whom was born in county Armagh, Ireland, and the latter at Wheeling, Mrs. Rogers' father, Thomas Johnston, being located here in pioneer days. Alexander Rogers established his home in Wheeling about the year 1826 and became one of the prominent and influential citizens. Here he gave his energies principally to manufacturing and mercantile lines and both he and his wife continued to reside in Wheeling until their death. Both became members of the Protestant Episcopal church, and the father was a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party. He died January 5, 1887, and his wife died February 24, 1897. They had five children, three of whom reached maturity, namely: James P.; Marguaret, who married Frederick H. Lange and resides in Wheeling; and Thomas Johnston, who died in September, 1864, at the age of twenty-four. The latter had been in partnership with his father in the mercantile business.

James Patterson Rogers was reared to maturity in his native city, to whose schools he was indebted for his preliminary educational discipline, which was effectively supplemented by a course of study in Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. He graduated in the year 1860, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Rogers determined to prepare himself for the legal profession and prosecuted his technical reading with characteristic energy and receptiveness and under effective preceptorship and, in 1863, he was admitted to the bar of his native state. He was one of the distinguished and honored members of the Wheeling

bar and had a large and appreciative clientele, while as a citizen he commanded the popular confidence and esteem. His aid and influence was freely given in support of measures advanced for the general good of the community.

In politics Mr. Rogers gave his unwavering allegiance to the Democratic party and was an effective exponent of its principles and policies. As an earnest and zealous churchman of the Protestant Episcopal church he was one of the veritable pillars of the parish of St. Luke's church, in which he served continuously as senior warden of the vestry from the organization of the church in 1881 until his death. His deep religious faith was exemplified in his daily life and was apparent in kindly and helpful consideration for "all those in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body or estate," and his noble wife, a woman of most gracious personality, has likewise been earnest and influential in various departments of church work in her home parish. Mr. Rogers was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, but was not active in its affairs in later years.

The public services of Mr. Rogers were of the highest character. For ten years he served as United States commissioner at Wheeling and for one term as prosecuting attorney of Ohio county. He filled also an unexpired term as judge of the Municipal Court of Wheeling. During the Civil war his sympathies were with the Confederacy. The demise of this good citizen occurred on January 24, 1904.

On the 7th of October, 1874, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Rogers to Miss Martha Joanna Jackson, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, on the 9th of January, 1850, and who is a daughter of George and Minerva (Townsend) Jackson, her father having long been a representative agriculturist near Cedarville, Greene county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers became the parents of four children, of whom Minerva T. died in infancy. George Jackson Rogers, the only son, is engaged in the practice of law in Wheeling; Elizabeth Johnston is now the wife of James W. Ewing, of Wheeling; and Ladora Kerr is the wife of Newton Waltz, of Wheeling.

ISAAC F. JONES.—To the legal profession Isaac Franklin Jones, whose lamented demise occurred October 16, 1909, brought the admirable equipment of a strong and worthy character, marked resourcefulness and thorough technical learning, and thus his success was a logical result. He was a native son of Ohio county, West Virginia, and stood as one of the essentially representative members of the bar of the city of Wheeling, even as he was a citizen to whom was accorded the fullest measure of popular esteem in the community that had been the scene of his fruitful and earnest endeavors during the years of a long and active career as an attorney and counselor at law.

Isaac F. Jones was born at the parental homestead near the hamlet of Valley Grove, Ohio county, West Virginia, on January 2, 1838. His father, the late Isaac Hardy Jones, was a farmer and continued to reside in Ohio county until his death, as did also his wife. He whose name initiates this review early began the lessons of practical industry, the while his ambition was quickened to definite action, with the result that he determined to prepare himself for the legal profession. After attending the common schools of the locality Mr. Jones was matriculated in Washington College, now known as Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pennsylvania, where he applied himself most carefully and earnestly to study along academic lines, graduating in the class of 1863. He read law with Nathaniel Richardson, one of Wheeling's noted

lawyers of that day, and was admitted to the bar in the early '70s. With the intention of entering the Presbyterian ministry Mr. Jones had previously attended Alleghany Seminary for one year, but at the end of that time he arrived at his decision to take up the legal profession.

During the long years of application to the work of his chosen profession there was no dearth of worthy accomplishment on the part of Mr. Jones, who observed to the full the unwritten ethical code and dignified his calling both by his character and his successful service, and he was concerned with a large number of the most important litigations in this section of his native state. He steadily marched under the banner of the Democratic party and proved an able exponent of its generic principles and policies, though he had not consented to serve in public office, save those of minor or local order. He was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, though not active in its affairs of late years, and he also held membership in the Phi Gamma Delta collegiate fraternity. He was a zealous and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, during his lifetime attending and supporting the historic old "Stone Church" at Elm Grove, a virtual suburb of Wheeling.

On the 8th of November, 1881, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Kelly, who was born and reared in the Short Creek neighborhood of Ohio county, where her father, Aaron Kelly, was a prominent farmer and an influential citizen. Mrs. Jones was summoned to the life eternal on the 22nd of October, 1894, secure in the affectionate regard of all who had come within the sphere of her gentle and kindly influence, and Kelly, the elder of the two children, died in early childhood. Edmund Lee, the younger son, is now a resident of Wheeling, and is preparing to follow in his father's footsteps as a lawyer by attendance at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

GEORGE JACKSON ROGERS was born in Wheeling, on the 17th of March, 1876, and is a son of James P. and Martha J. (Jackson) Rogers. Elsewhere in this volume is given a brief review of the career of his father, who has long been one of the leading members of the Wheeling bar, and thus further data concerning the family history are not demanded in the sketch at hand. After completing the curriculum of the public schools of his native city George J. Rogers here continued his studies in Linsly Institute, in which he prepared for college and in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1894. He then entered the historic old University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, in which he completed his academic course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1897, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. With such admirable preliminary training Mr. Rogers was now well fortified for the work of preparing for his chosen profession, and in this connection he was again afforded advantages of the best order, as he was matriculated in the law school of Harvard University, in which he completed the prescribed technical course and was graduated in 1901, with the well earned degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was forthwith admitted to the bar of his native state, and within the intervening decade he has won professional prestige of no equivocal order. In his chosen calling, as in all other relations of life, he has well upheld the honors of the name which he bears and he stands as one of the representative younger members of a bar that has been dignified by the character and services of his honored father.

In addition to the demands placed upon him by his large and substantial practice Mr. Rogers is one of the interested principals and an executive in the Home Outfitting Company, one of the leading retail mercantile concerns of Wheeling, and is vice-president and an active



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director of Greer & Laing Wholesale Hardware Company, and the Suburban Brick Company, two of the representative industrial corporations of this city. He holds membership in the Fort Henry Club, as well as the University and Country Clubs of Wheeling, and he is a popular factor in the leading social activities of his home city. He was reared in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal church, of which he is a communicant and in which he is a member of the vestry of St. Luke's parish. He is aligned as a staunch supporter of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor, but has not manifested any ambition for public office. Mr. Rogers is a bachelor.

CHARLES E. PRATT, M. D.—As medical examiner at Wheeling for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, Dr. Charles E. Pratt has made a record of unusual length and value of service, having filled that position now for fully a quarter of a century. He is one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of the city, and is prominent both in his profession and in citizenship.

Dr. Pratt was born at Richmond, Virginia, December 27, 1851. His parents were William A. and Eveleen (Ginivan) Pratt, the former a native of Sutton, Isle of Ely, England, and the latter of Hampshire county, Virginia. His father was an architect by profession and served in that capacity and also as engineer and superintendent of buildings and grounds for the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. At the latter place the son Charles was reared and educated, and was graduated M. D. from the medical department of the university on July 3, 1874.

For several years he was engaged in practice in Vernon county, southwest Missouri. He then located at Charlestown, West Virginia, where in connection with his practice he conducted a pharmacy. He had been enrolled as a registered pharmacist in this state in 1882. On December 13, 1886, Dr. Pratt came to Wheeling to begin his active duties as medical examiner for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. This office and a general practice have absorbed all his professional time for the past twenty-five years. He is a member of the Ohio County and the State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He is surgeon of the West Virginia brigade of the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias, with the rank of colonel and assistant surgeon-general. Besides his prominence in this order he also affiliates with the Masons and the Elks fraternities. He and his family are members of the St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal church.

Dr. Pratt was married on Christmas day of 1878 to Miss Mary E. White, of Montgomery county, Maryland. Their one child, Evelyn Pratt, is now the wife of Professor Bert Holmes Hite, vice director of the experiment station and chief chemist and professor of organic chemistry in the University of West Virginia. Mrs. Hite made a record for scholarship before her marriage. At the age of eighteen she was graduated with the degree of A. B. from the University of West Virginia.

T. M. WELLS, M. D., who passed away in death on August 31, 1911, had been engaged in the practice of his profession at Bellaire since 1886, being one of the oldest and most prominent physicians of this vicinity. The career of a successful physician is a quiet public service, without conspicuous eventfulness. Dr. Wells lived here and performed his work faithfully for a quarter of a century, and was one of the most honored members of his community.

Dr. Wells represented an old family of Ohio and of this country. His great-grandfather, John Wells, was a soldier in the Revolution, and his grandfather, Levi Wells, was in the war of 1812. Levi Wells, who was a blacksmith by trade, settled in Ohio in 1822. Henry Wells, father of the Doctor, also followed mechanical pursuits, and about 1857 began the manufacture of stoves and had a large factory at Bridgeport. He retired from business ten years before his death.

Dr. Wells, the son of Henry and Margaret Wells, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 9, 1853, and obtained his early schooling at Martins Ferry. He prepared for his profession at Franklin College and took a course at the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia, and graduated with degree of M. D. For ten years he practiced at Hannibal, Ohio, and came to Bellaire in 1886. He was a member of the Belmont County and the Ohio State Medical Societies, and was a member of the Masonic order from 1882. His church was the Presbyterian.

Dr. Wells married, October 12, 1874, Miss Isabella Smith, of Jefferson county, Ohio. They became the parents of four children: Mabel, is the wife of W. T. Way and has three children, Roy, Mabel and Emma; Helen, deceased; Malcolm M., who lives at home; and Palma S., the wife of Robert Kemper.

GEORGE W. BERRY, well known in Moundsville, has ingratiated himself into the esteem of his fellow citizens. In these days of political corruption and bribery, for a man to have made a record for the cleanness of his politics is an indication that his character is beyond reproach. Mr. Berry finds himself in this enviable position, prominent, popular, respected.

Mr. Berry was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, in 1854. His father, John B. Berry, was a native of Maryland, where he received an excellent education and was able to use this knowledge with such good results that he was adjudged a most successful teacher of his day. He died in 1868, before his five children had obtained the educational advantages he desired for them. His wife was a life-long resident of West Virginia, a native of Brooke county.

George W., the second child of his parents' family, was reared and educated sparingly in the common schools of Marshall county, on account of the early demise of his father. This necessitated his devoting his energies to making his own living and thus it happened that he was still a young man when he became foreman for Gatts & Gray, lumber manufacturers of Moundsville, a position he held for a period of sixteen years. During this time his abilities in a political direction had received recognition and he was appointed to the office of county commissioner. After his term of office had expired he turned his attention to other business pursuits, but his party would not permit him to remain inactive. For ten years he was a member of the Republican executive committee, chairman for two years. During three separate terms he has held the office of road surveyor and since 1904 he has continuously held the office of deputy sheriff and jailer of Marshall county, in which capacities he is still serving. The fact that he is repeatedly elected to office and re-elected to the same office is indicative of the confidence which he has inspired in the people of Moundsville.

On March 14, 1886, Mr. Berry married Birdie, daughter of George Gossett, resident of Marshall county, where Miss Birdie was born. Mr. and Mrs. Berry became the parents of a family of eight children, as follows: Lindsey T., Frank G., Marguerite, William, Marion S., Naomi, John N. and Walter (deceased).



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Prominent as Mr. Berry is in the eye of the public, he is no less esteemed among lodge men; he holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 13, of Moundsville, since 1875; is past noble grand and has many times represented his lodge at the Grand Lodge.

JOHN J. HEEDY.—After a man has been working at the same business for nearly half a century it is natural to infer that he has attained a certain amount of proficiency along that line. Mr. Heedy, superintendent of the cutting department of the Fostoria Glass Company, stands in that position today, and is universally admitted to be an expert glass cutter.

Mr. Heedy was born on the fourth day of March, 1852, in Ireland. His parents, Edward and Mary (Ryan) Heedy, were both of Irish birth and the father died in his native country when Mr. Heedy was a baby. Shortly after her husband's death the widow, with her family of seven children, the youngest about six years old, immigrated from old Ireland and came to America to make their way in life.

John J. Heedy (next to the youngest in the family) was but eight years of age when he looked his last on the shores of Ireland and set foot on American soil in 1860. The family landed in New York and remained in that state for several years. There John J. attended the public schools and in 1865, when he had reached his thirteenth year, he began to learn the glass cutter's trade. He showed himself skilful and industrious during the nine years of his life as a glass cutter in New York city. In 1876 he entered the employ of C. Dolfinger & Son, of White Mills, Pennsylvania, the best glass cutters known to the trade at that time, and with this concern he remained for twelve years, perfecting himself in the art of glass cutting. In 1888 he went to Brooklyn, but his stay there was of brief duration and was followed by a three years' engagement with the Libby Glass Company, of Toledo, Ohio. In 1891 he accepted the position which he now holds with the Fostoria Glass Company, the head of the glass cutting department, with a corps of thirty men under him. His subordinates feel that Mr. Heedy knows every detail of the trade and they respect his rule accordingly.

In 1879, while Mr. Heedy was with C. Dolfinger & Son of White Mills, Pennsylvania, he married Miss Mary E. Conlin, a native of Hawley, Pennsylvania, and the young couple became the parents of seven children, five of whom are living, viz.: Fannie (Mrs. A. T. Martin), Frank C., Edward J., Nellie and Loretta.

Mr. Heedy is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the A. O. H. and of the United Workmen. He is a member of the Catholic church.

WILLIAM McMECHEN.—In the most western county of Maryland, on the banks of the South Branch of the Potomac, lived the family of William McMechen, Sr.; his son William was born in 1724 and his next son, James, a year or two later. When William McMechen, Jr., was about forty-five years of age, he married Sidney Johnson, who was born in 1744 also on the South Branch. The Indian raids being ended by the treaty made by Colonel Boquet in 1764, every Englishman on the frontier said, Let us go west and seek land for ourselves.

Among them was William McMechen, Jr., who was spurred both by his desire to advance the best interest of his young wife and family and also to take advantage of the splendid offer of the colony of Virginia, of four hundred acres of land, together with an option of one thousand acres additional, to all settlers in western Virginia.

Accordingly, William McMechen* and his brother James started in the spring of 1771 over the Blue Ridge to seek their fortunes. Their equipment was a very modest one for such an unknown and venturesome journey, consisting of a couple of pack horses carrying provisions, and they themselves with their strong bodies, stout hearts, great energy and a determination to win. With their flintlocks over their shoulders, and tomahawk in belt, they wended their way past Wills Creek over almost trackless mountains to the old Redstone Fort (now Brownsville, Pa.), and thence into the unbroken forests of Ohio county, Virginia, to see the lands so highly spoken of by Christopher Gist. They kept on the ridges of the hill, which were less frequented by straggling bands of Indians that were then giving the new settlers some trouble.

Imagine them to have arrived on the hill overlooking the beautiful valley now occupied by the flourishing towns of Benwood and McMechen and seeing a valley flooded with brilliant sunshine, the broad Ohio river flowing through it, and its banks covered with beautiful groves of the finest trees, and all this offered to them free if they would only come and live upon it. William was so pleased that he exclaimed to his brother that he was satisfied to remain there and make a home for himself and Sidney. James, however, thought it all very good, but did not see enough in sight for two, so kept on down the river to Fish creek and took up lands there which afterward became famous for the reason that it was on these lands where the Virginia regiment, commanded by Gen. William Drake, spent the winter of 1790-91, when on its way to join at Fort Washington the ill-fated expedition of St. Clair.

That William McMechen did locate his four hundred acres in 1771, on this chosen spot, will be seen by the following deed, recorded in book I, page 135, in the Ohio county office of records: "Surveyed for William McMechen, December 10, 1784, four hundred acres of land in Ohio county, Va., including his settlement made thereon in the year of our Lord 1771, by order of a certificate granted by the commissioner for the district of Monongalia, Youghiogheny and Ohio, bearing date of November 6, 1779, situate and being on the east side of the Ohio river and bounded as follows:

"Beginning at an elm tree corner to said McMechen standing on the bank of the Ohio river, and running with this line east 149 poles to a white oak, thence north 17 degrees, west 327 poles to a sugar tree, thence north 12 degrees, east 327 poles to a sugar tree, thence south 82 degrees, west 54 poles to a poplar standing on the bank corner to John Boggs, thence down the river with the several meanders thereof, and binding thereon, 653 poles to the beginning. Signed—Cornelius Austin, assistant to Robt. Woods, Sheriff of Ohio county."

The original deed giving this 400 acres to William McMechen and signed by Beverly Randolph, lieutenant-governor of Virginia, is now in good state of preservation and owned by his great-granddaughter, Mary Lynn McMechen and daughter of the late Shepherd.

On this land, near the Ohio river and overlooking it, he built his cabin of one room, and planted his first crop, both being necessary to make his claim valid, and then, with his brother James returned to Maryland. The following year they brought their families out to their new home on the banks of the Ohio river, together with their household goods, a number of horses, cows, sheep and their colored servants.

*The contributor of the sketch is indebted to the Sons of the American Revolution for many complimentary references to this worthy pioneer, and quotes from their writings of the early settlers of Western Virginia.

William McMechen began at once to erect a larger and more commodious house for his family, also quarters for his servants and cattle, and to increase the acreage of his crops. Everything prospered on his farm, and his neighbors increased in numbers.

The brutal murders of Indians on the frontier at various places near Wheeling, or Fort Henry, made it unsafe to live in the vicinity, and raids by the Indians were of almost daily occurrence. In one of those raids the Indians took all the horses belonging to William McMechen except one. He pursued them as far as the Great Lakes, but without success. On his return he found that his wife had become so frightened during his absence that she packed up all her household effects and with her children and servants fled away to Red Stone fort for safety. The raids of the Indians becoming more terrifying, she could not be induced to return, so they remained for a few years at the fort. Thus they escaped the perils of Indians' vengeance, for just south of their home occurred what is known in history as the Foreman's defeat, the scene being on the McMechen farm, and marked later by a monument bearing the following inscription:

"This humble stone is erected to the memory of Capt. Foreman and twenty-one of his men who were slain by a band of ruthless savages—the allies of a civilized nation of Europe—on the 25th day of September 1777.

So sleep the brave who sink to rest,
By all their country's wishes blest."

This memorial stone was afterwards removed from the scene of the massacre and is now in the Mount Rose Cemetery, Moundsville. At this time William McMechen owned all the land lying on the Ohio river between Boggs run and what is now the town of Glendale.

James and William McMechen were both participants in the original organization of Ohio county in 1776. In the first meeting of the landholders of the county, in December, 1776, for the purpose of deciding upon a place to hold courts in the new county and also to provide for the raising of the two companies of militia which was the quota of Ohio county, James McMechen was one of the three men empowered to administer the oath, and both he and his brother William were named among the parties engaged in carrying out the instructions of the Virginia legislature concerning civil and military organization.

The children of William McMechen and Sidney (Johnson) McMechen were: Sallie, Jane, William, Nancy, Sidney and Benjamin. In the year 1797 William McMechen died, his widow afterwards marrying Col. George Stricker. A monument was erected in memory of these three persons, and is now standing in McMechen's cemetery, a part of the estate, and bears the following inscription:

"William and Sidney McMechen, husband and wife, who settled near this spot when the country was a wilderness. The former died November 27, 1797, aged 73; the latter November 24, 1810, aged 66. Col. George Stricker, who settled near here in 1778; married Sidney McMechen in 1808, and died November 28, 1810, aged 70."

Benjamin, the youngest child, was born at Redstone Fort, Pennsylvania, in 1777; married November 17, 1804, to Nancy, daughter of Captain William and Nancy (Williamson) Boggs. Captain Boggs was prominent at the siege of Fort Henry in 1782, as was also his daughter Lydia, then seventeen years of age, who married Moses Shepherd, and after his death she married General Daniel Cruger, congressman from New York. Benjamin McMechen inherited that part of his father's estate where the log cabin was located, consisting of several hundred

acres. Upon this land he built the homestead, a part of which still stands, and lived there most of his life, and died in 1854. He was one of the representative men of his community, recognized as a man of exemplary character. In order that he and his family might enjoy the church of his chosen faith, the Methodist Episcopal, he built on his farm near his home a church known far and wide as the "Little Brick." This was the first church in that community now known as the towns of Benwood and McMechen, and afforded a place of worship on Sunday and also served as the day school for the children.

About 1845 he platted the now thriving city of Benwood, which was named for him. The ferry boat between Benwood and Bellaire was also owned and managed by him.

Benjamin McMechen had fourteen children, all of whom reached maturity. The youngest son, Shepherd, in turn, inherited the "old homestead" and several hundred acres adjoining, where he lived, and he died in 1874. He married Alcinda C., daughter of Col. Vincent Lowe Cockayne, of Moundsville (see sketch following). At his death he left his widow and two infant children—Mary Lynn and Shepherd Vincent, the latter dying in 1878 at the age of four years. Mr. McMechen's death was mourned by the entire community, as he was a man of high character, kind heart and superior judgment.

After his death his family sold a part of the farm to the B. & O. Railroad Company, which made many improvements on the land, including the large round house at the Benwood Junction. Adjacent to the railroad shops here are the Hitchman Coal Works, which supply coal to all the engines on this division of the B. & O. Railroad, and most of the coal is taken from under the old McMechen farm.

The town of McMechen owes its origin to Mrs. Shepherd McMechen. The original town plat, recorded in 1889, was named Marylynn, in honor of the daughter of Shepherd McMechen. Mrs. McMechen sold the first lots from the plat in May, 1889. For several years the townsite was involved in litigation over the boundary between Benwood and McMechen. After these disputes were settled, a town government was organized and since then the town has been known under the name of McMechen.

A part of the original McMechen homestead has never passed from the first ownership. This is an unusual distinction, and much credit is due to the descendants of William McMechen in that locality for retaining part of the land which he came through the wilderness to seek one hundred and forty years ago.

COL. VINCENT LOWE COCKAYNE.—The Cockayne family, whose seat has been in Derbyshire, England, for centuries, was represented among the colonial settlers of Maryland. In 1785 Samuel Cockayne, son of Samuel Cockayne, came from near Annapolis, Maryland, and bought five hundred acres of land lying on the Ohio river just north of Moundsville (then known as Grave Creek). His mother was Mary Lowe, of Maryland, a descendant of Vincent Lowe, who had been sent to America in 1669 by King Charles II to be surveyor-general of the colony of Maryland, and he also served with honor for several successive years in the colonial council. The late Governor Lowe of Maryland was a descendant of the same family.

Vincent Lowe Cockayne, the youngest of five sons, was born and reared on the five hundred acre tract that his father had bought, and on his father's death he inherited that part of the land which included the original home built on the land. In this homestead, known as "Valley



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Farm," Vincent L. Cockayne lived until his death in 1886, at the age of eighty. He was a man of high moral character and sound judgment. Though often urged by friends to take office, he always refused active participation in politics. At the time of his death he was president of the Marshall County Bank of Moundsville.

He was twice married, first to Louisa Johnson Lynn, daughter of William Lynn, of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and later to Lydia M. McKee, of Moundsville. By his first marriage he had three children, namely: William Lynn; John Randolph, who died unmarried; and Alcinda C., who married Shepherd McMechen. By the second marriage he had two daughters: Carrie Amelia, who married William Weeks Weightman, of Chicago, Illinois; and Emily Vincent, who married William Martin Biggs, of Moundsville, and who occupies the Cockayne homestead erected by the grandfather when he came to Western Virginia.

J. L. STROEHLEIN.—In the death of John Leonard Stroehlein seven years ago there passed away a man of high principles and sterling worth, honorable and upright in all his dealings, a capable business man and withal modest, never overrating his own abilities.

Mr. Stroehlein was born in Neidenfels, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, on October 29, 1830. He was the son of George and Margarethe Barbara Stroehlein. The father was a shoemaker by trade. We are sometimes prone to think that the knowledge which has no earning value is superfluous, but such was not the elder Stroehlein's attitude; he prized education for its own sake and determined that his children should receive all the advantages in his power to bestow. Thus it came about that his son Leonard obtained a thorough, general education in the excellent parish school and later studied surveying, passing his examinations in 1851. Although furnished with certificates attesting his theoretical and practical knowledge of the profession, he was not eligible to an appointment under the government on account of his youth, twenty-five being the prescribed age, and so when he came to the United States in 1853 he intended to stay only a few years, but the glimpse he obtained of the people, their habits and their views of life in general was so in accordance with his own ideas, that he decided to remain. Much as he liked America and its inhabitants, he never lost his love for his native land and his compatriots; his efforts were for the betterment of conditions in general, but whenever he could do anything for the German element he did it willingly.

After his arrival in this country he stayed in Philadelphia for six weeks, and then came to Wheeling, where he soon obtained employment. In 1871 began his connection with the insurance business. In this year he became secretary of the German Fire Insurance Company of which he was one of the organizers. In 1875 he entered the German Bank of Wheeling as bookkeeper. In May, 1883, he left this position to become assistant secretary of the Franklin Insurance Company, and on January 1 of the succeeding year he was elected secretary of the company. Later he was also identified with the Jefferson Insurance Company as its secretary.

Mr. Stroehlein lived in Wheeling until 1884, when he bought the Waddington place. This he sold four years later and then built a home at Leatherwood, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 16th of October, 1905.

The subject of this sketch was twice married, his first wife was Wilhelmine Knapp, who died in 1866, leaving one child, Emilie. In 1868 he married Louise Swartz, a daughter of Charles and Louisa (Miller)

Swartz. Mrs. Louise Stroehlein became the mother of two children, Carrie L. and Charles A., the latter of whom was drowned in 1900, being in his twenty-seventh year.

Mr. Stroehlein was a life-long member of the Lutheran church, his connection with the Zion Lutheran congregation dating from the time of his arrival in Wheeling. The family remains in the home which is dear to them for its own sake as well as for the memories it recalls of the husband and father who is still with them in spirit.

WILLIAM H. REES has been a man of prominence and influence in Cameron for a period of more than half a century. He has ever commanded the unqualified confidence and esteem of all those with whom he was brought in contact—the result of the rectitude and honor which have characterized him in all the relations of life. He has been identified with the milling industries of West Virginia and has attained a national reputation as a result of his efficient work. There are few men whose service can equal in duration that of Mr. Rees, and the publishers of this book are grateful for the opportunity of offering within its pages a brief review of the principal events in his life.

Mr. Rees claims Virginia as the place of his nativity, where he was born in Monongahela county, in 1828; to this county also his father and mother owe their birth. His father, Isaac Rees, was of pioneer stock, his parents having immigrated from Wales and taken up their residence in Virginia, where they engaged in the farming industry. Isaac Rees was also a follower of agricultural pursuits and lived to the venerable age of ninety years. As a young man he had married Miss Annie Henderson, a young girl of Virginian birth, but of Irish parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rees became the parents of twelve children, of whom William H. Rees, the immediate subject of this sketch, was the fourth.

Mr. Rees of Cameron, spent his boyhood days in his native county, where he received the benefit of such educational advantages as were afforded in the common schools of that locality and period. He remained at home with his family until he had attained his majority, at which time he severed the home ties and removed to Fairmont, Marion county, West Virginia, where he was employed by M. & O. Jackson, at that time one of the best known milling firms of the neighborhood. Each year of his service with M. & O. Jackson only strengthened the bonds which united employer and employe, as each year he became more valuable to the firm in whose interests he labored so earnestly. In 1858 M. & O. Jackson built the mill at Cameron which is so well known today, and was at first a burr mill. Mr. Rees had a hand in the erection of this building and in 1859, the year after the completion of the new mill, he left the service of his old friends and employers and took up his residence in Cameron, where he worked as a miller. It was always his aim to excel in anything which he attempted, and before long he became known as the miller who turned out the best flour in the state, or perhaps in any state in the Union. His flour took the first premium at Baltimore, Maryland, which fact was indication not only of the superiority of the mill but of the efficiency of the miller himself. In 1868, as a recognition of his nine years of valued work, he was offered an interest in the mill, and this interest he held for almost thirty years. In 1896 he sold out to Mr. Dunlany, who took entire charge of the mill until the time of his demise, in 1907, when it was purchased by Hagens & Isleman, the owners of the mill today. From the time of its establishment, in 1859, the mill has done both a flour and lumber business and the steadily increasing output

is sufficient evidence of the high character of the work that has been turned out.

On the first of April, 1860, the marriage was solemnized between Mr. Rees and Miss Mary F. Merchant, a native of Maryland, and to this union five children have been born, whose names are as follows: Logan T., Hattie B., Minnie E., Frank and A. B. The youngest member of this family is a dentist, practicing at Kingwood.

During the years that Mr. Rees has been a resident of Cameron he has been remarkably successful and today, in addition to his comfortable home, he owns six acres of land, on which are built two houses in the township and in addition he owns a farm of forty-five acres of good land in the country. His fellow citizens showed their high estimate of Mr. Rees' abilities by electing him to the office of councilman, and in this capacity he found opportunity to do some excellent work for the improvement of the town. Fifty-two years ago Mr. Rees joined the Methodist Episcopal church and since that time he has been earnest and zealous in his devotion to the various departments of church work. For fifty-two years, without interruption, he has been class leader, and under his spiritual guidance the class increased in numbers and became more devout in spirit. If Mr. Rees had nothing else to his credit, those years of service for the Master whom he served would be enough to entitle him to our sincerest regard and admiration, but when we add to that his years of efficient work in the mill, his fidelity to his public duties and the consistency of his daily life we can find no words to express our sense of appreciation of the use that this honored man has been in the community.

FRED L. MAURY.—One of the distinctive and valuable functions of this publication is to accord recognition to those who stand representative in the various professions in the city of Wheeling and its vicinity, and in this connection there is all of consistency in giving such consideration to the present assistant prosecuting attorney of Ohio county, for he is recognized as one of the able and prominent younger members of the bar of the city of Wheeling and as a citizen who well merits the high regard in which he is held in the West Virginia metropolis.

Fred Lindley Maury was born at Clarington, Monroe county, Ohio, on the 7th of March, 1874, and is a scion of one of the old and honored families of the Buckeye state. He is a son of Fred and Mary E. (Parker) Maury, who now reside at Clarington, Ohio, the father having given his attention to farming during the major part of his active career. He whose name initiates this review is indebted to the public schools of his native state for his early educational discipline, which was supplemented by a thorough course in Marietta College, at Marietta, Ohio, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1898, and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The pedagogic profession early found him an effective representative and in the same he gained distinctive success and popularity. He was assistant principal of the Marietta township high school, at Marietta, Ohio, from 1898 to 1900, and was superintendent of the public schools of that township thereafter until 1903. He had in the meanwhile determined to adopt the legal profession as his life work, and his preparation for the same was made with characteristic thoroughness. He attended the law department of the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1903-4 and thereafter was matriculated in the law department of the University of West Virginia, from which he took his examination in 1904. In that year he was admitted to the bar of this state and established himself in

active general practice in the city of Wheeling, where his success has been on a parity with his recognized ability. He is known as a versatile and resourceful trial lawyer and as a counselor admirably fortified in the learning of his profession. He has served as assistant prosecuting attorney of Ohio county since May, 1909, and in this office has represented the interests of the county most effectively in a number of important litigations, the while he has also appeared in many prominent cases otherwise presented in the courts of this and other counties.

In politics Mr. Maury accords unwavering allegiance to the cause of the Democratic party and he is active in its local councils. He is progressive and loyal as a citizen and has closely identified himself with the best interests of his home city. He is a member of the local Young Men's Christian Association and is active in its work, as he is also in that of the Christian church, of which both he and his wife are zealous members. He is affiliated with the Scottish Rite bodies of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, affiliating with Nelson Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M., and McDaniel Lodge of Perfection, besides which he is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Ohio County Bar Association.

At Marietta, Ohio, on the 12th of February, 1903, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Maury to Miss Florence Petty, who was there born and reared and who is a daughter of James W. and Julia (Wallar) Petty, who still reside in Marietta, where the father was engaged in the retail grocery business and is now retired and is one of the representative citizens of the thriving little city. Mr. and Mrs. Maury have one child, Verne, who was born on the 27th of December, 1903.

JOHN BRIDGEMAN GARDEN, general manager of the Wheeling Electric Company, has been active in the business and civic relations of Wheeling, for twenty-five years. Electric lighting and power when he first became manager of the Wheeling Electric Company in 1886 was comparatively restricted in use and still to a large degree experimental. It has been his lot to witness and take an active part in the development of the electrical agent for commercial and domestic uses until the modern epoch is best characterized as the electrical age.

His birthplace was at 437 Main street, Wheeling, where he was born February 27, 1860. His parents, both now deceased, were Alexander Thorburn and Mary M. (Bankard) Garden. After his early education was completed in the public schools and a business college he acquired the principles of commercial electricity so far as then developed, and in 1886 became general manager for the Wheeling Electric Company, a position he has held to the present time.

Mr. Garden served as a member of the Wheeling board of education from 1898 to 1904. He is a director of the Humane Society, and a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade. His principal diversion is in outdoor sport, and he is secretary and treasurer of the Wheeling Gun Club. For a number of years he has been a member of the Second Presbyterian church of Wheeling and is now president of the board of trustees.

Mr. Garden married, June 17, 1885, Miss Mary Ralston Sweeney, daughter of Andrew James and Maria Elizabeth (Hanna) Sweeney, both deceased. Her father was a leading manufacturer of Wheeling and for many years served as mayor of the city. They have two children, George Alan and Gertrude Garden.



Louis Stovek

LOUIS STORCK, secretary of the Juergens Baking Company, has been an active factor in building up one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the Ohio valley. The Juergens products have been a household word, meaning the best goods of the kind obtainable in the market, and the business is one of Wheeling's important commercial assets.

Recently the Juergens Baking Company merged with the General Baking Company of New York, and Mr. Louis Storck is manager of the Wheeling plant at the present time. Until this change the officers of the company were the following well known business men: F. H. Frazier, president; Daniel Storck, vice president and manager of the Wellsburg plant; and Louis Storck, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Louis Storck is a native of Germany, where he was born February 25, 1877. At the age of sixteen, in 1893, he came to America and started to work in a bakery at Martins Ferry, where he learned his trade. After working about six years with different concerns he embarked in the baking business with his brother Daniel at Wellsburg in 1899. They succeeded to the well known baking establishment of Clemmans Speidel. Under the name of Storck Brothers they made progress from the very first, and after being at Wellsburg about four years they purchased a half interest in the Juergens Bakery at Wheeling. This name has been associated with the baking business for many years, and its former proprietor, William Juergens, was a very able man. After the merging of the Storck Brothers Bakery and the Juergens Bakery the business was incorporated under the name Juergens Bakery. After a successful career of five years Mr. Juergens sold his interest to F. H. Frazier, former president of the Wheeling Bread Company.

With the already successful career of this concern and the additional services of a man the calibre of Mr. Frazier, the Juergens Bakery grew by leaps and bounds until today it is one of the model plants in the country. This concern has the distinction of having the first most complete automatic bakery in the United States. The corporation name of Juergens Bakery was later changed to Juergens Baking Company, and as such it was conducted with increasing reputation and volume of business until the recent consolidation. The Wheeling plant is located on McColloch street, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh.

Mr. Louis Storck affiliates with the orders of the Elks and the Eagles. He was married, September 16, 1908, to Miss Minnie C. Schumann, daughter of Robert J. and Augusta Schumann, of Wheeling. They are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth Augusta Storck.

JOHNSON C. MCKINLEY.—The initiative and constructive powers which ever make for definite accomplishment and worthy success have been well exemplified in the career of Mr. McKinley, who is numbered among the alert and progressive young business men of Wheeling and who is a representative of one of the old and honored families of this section of the state, as may well be understood when it is stated that his great-grandfather, Captain John McKinley, received from the historic old commonwealth of Virginia the original grant of land on which is now situated the city of Wheeling, the patent to this property having been given him in recognition of his service as a patriotic soldier of the Continental forces in the war of the Revolution, in which he served as lieutenant and captain.

The family lineage is traced back to the McKinley clan of Scotland and the name became identified with the annals of American history in the early colonial epoch, when representatives of the same founded a home in the colony of Virginia.

Johnson Camden McKinley reverts with satisfaction to the fact that he can claim West Virginia as the place of his nativity, though at an early age his parents removed to Kansas, in which state he was reared almost to maturity. Mr. McKinley was born at Parkersburg, Wood county, West Virginia, and is a son of John S. and Amanda (Camden) McKinley, both of whom were born and reared in that part of Virginia that is now the state of West Virginia.

John Stringer McKinley continued to be identified with business interests at Parkersburg until he removed his family to Kansas—this change being made principally for the sake of securing a change of climate, by reason of his impaired health. In the Sunflower state he established his home at Wichita and Gueda Springs, and he became one of the prominent business men and honored and influential citizens of that section of the state, where he built up a large and prosperous enterprise as a buyer and shipper of grain and where he was called upon to serve in various offices of distinctive public trust. He continued to maintain his home in Kansas until his death, which occurred in 1898. John S. and Amanda (Camden) McKinley became the parents of four children, of whom Johnson C., of this review, and his sister Caroline reside in Wheeling, another daughter, Virginia, being the wife of Daniel Belford, of Andover, Kansas, and the other daughter died in Orlando, Florida, in 1904. The father was unswerving in his allegiance to the Democratic party, and, reared in its faith, the son likewise has accorded equally staunch support to the principles and policies for which the sterling old party stands sponsor.

As has already been noted, Johnson C. McKinley was a boy at the time of the family's removal to Kansas, where he was reared almost to adult age and where he was afforded excellent educational advantages. In 1893 he returned to West Virginia and entered the employ of the Monongahela River Railroad & Coal Company. He thus identified himself with a line of industry in which it has been his to gain marked success and precedence in an individual way. He was made general agent and paymaster of the company noted and continued in its employ for a period of five years, at the expiration of which he severed his connection therewith and initiated an independent business in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1898, by establishing an agency having sole control of the handling of the output of the Monongah Coal Company in Wheeling and its vicinity. In the summer of the same year Mr. McKinley became one of the organizers of the Highland Coal & Coke Company, which built up a prosperous business and which was finally absorbed by the Fairmont Coal Company. In 1899 he effected the organization of the Alexander Coal Company, and this corporation likewise was merged with the Fairmont Coal Company, on the first day of January, 1901. In October, 1900, Mr. McKinley organized the Wheeling Steam Coal Company, operating on the Terminal Railroad of the Pennsylvania lines in Ohio county, near the corporate limits of Wheeling.

The following coal companies were later organized by Mr. McKinley, to which he was elected president and general manager, and which offices are still held by him: Mound Coal Company, organized in 1902; Richland Coal Company, organized in 1903; Raven Coal Company, organized in 1905; Highland Coal Company, organized in 1906; and the Dorsey Coal Company, organized in 1908.

It will thus be seen that Mr. McKinley is confining his attention entirely to the coal business and has been very successful in his operations. He is held in high esteem in business and social circles in his native state, is a bachelor and resides in the city of Wheeling.



J. H. Vance

JAMES N. VANCE.—One of the sterling "Captains of Industry" who have contributed much to the upbuilding of the "Greater Wheeling" is the well known and highly honored citizen whose name initiates this paragraph. He has been prominently identified with the development and upbuilding of the iron and steel industry in his native state, has given his capitalistic support and fine administrative and constructive powers to the furtherance of other enterprises of important order, and has achieved large and worthy success through his own well directed efforts. He is one of the substantial capitalists and representative citizens of Wheeling, and is identified with numerous industrial, commercial and financial enterprises in this city, as well as in other states of the Union. His character and his distinctive accomplishment as a member of the world's noble army of productive workers well entitle him to representation in this history of a section which has ever been his home.

James N. Vance was born on a farm in Ohio county, Virginia, now West Virginia, and is a scion of one of the old and honored families of this section of the state. He is a son of James and Mary (Waddle) Vance, who continued to reside in Ohio county until their deaths, the father having devoted the major part of his active life to farming and having been a man of sterling attributes of character. James N. Vance is indebted to the schools of his native county for his early educational discipline, and to his own native ability, initiative power and constructive energy is due the great success which he has gained along normal lines of enterprise. As a young man he engaged in the retail iron business in Wheeling, and he conducted the enterprise individually until 1861, when the firm of Dewey, Vance & Company was organized, for the purpose of expanding the scope of operations. The new firm initiated the manufacture of bar iron, and the original plant was erected in the Sixth ward of the city of Wheeling. In 1866, to meet the demands of the rapidly expanding business, a second plant was erected in the same vicinity, and this building stood until recently, being utilized as a nail factory. William H. Russell became a member of the firm, but retired therefrom in 1865. In 1872 a new and larger plant was erected, at Benwood, Marshall county, and the enterprise was continued under partnership auspices until 1875. In 1866 William L. Hearne became a member of the firm, and in 1875 the business was incorporated under the title of the Riverside Iron Works, the incorporators being James N. Vance, William L. Hearne, John D. Culbertson, Nathan Wilkinson and Frank J. Hearne. The personnel of the original official corps was as here noted: James N. Vance, president; Nathan Wilkinson, secretary; and William L. Hearne and Nathan Wilkinson, directors. The plant of the new company at Benwood was devoted to the manufacturing of nails and was operated until 1888, when it was abandoned. At this time all of the interests of the company were centralized at Benwood, under the title of the Riverside Iron Works, and the finely equipped plant now occupies ninety acres of ground, with ample shipping facilities afforded by spur tracks. In 1886 a Bessemer steel plant, with two large blast furnaces, was erected and also a tube factory, and the company manufactured all kinds of steel pipes for steam, gas and water. The tube works were enlarged until the same became one of the most extensive and best equipped in the entire country, and the plant and business were sold to the National Tube Company in March, 1899. The business was absorbed by the United States Steel Corporation in 1901, and at the time of this sale the annual business of the original company had reached an annual aggregate of six million dollars, the while employment was given to more than two thousand five hundred operatives. When the enterprise was established a force of three hundred men was employed

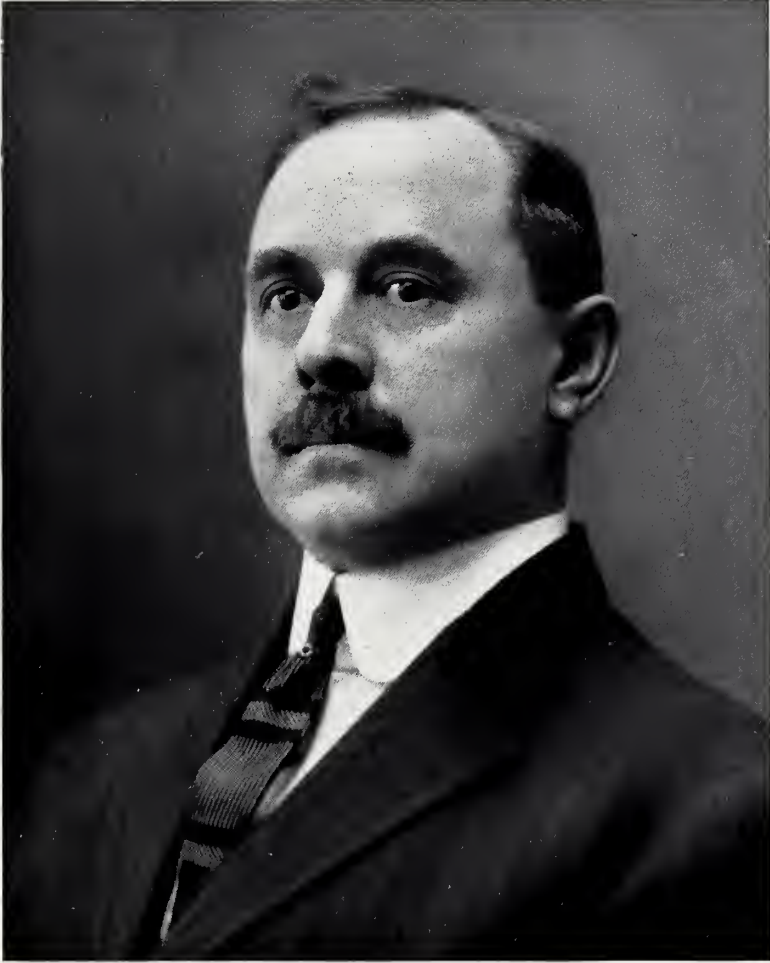
and the original capital stock was only fifteen thousand dollars. When the Riverside Iron Works was sold to the great steel corporation its capital stock was six and a half million dollars, representing an increase from the surplus funds accumulated in addition to the payment of regular quarterly dividends to stockholders during the last decade of independent operations. The company also operated blast furnaces at Steubenville, Ohio, and in the upbuilding of this great industrial enterprise Mr. Vance was a most potent factor. He continued as a director of the National Tube Company until it was absorbed by the United States Steel Corporation, when he resigned, but is still a stockholder.

Mr. Vance is president of the National Exchange Bank of Wheeling, one of the most substantial and ably conducted financial institutions of the state, and is also a large stockholder and the president of the Security Trust Company, of Wheeling. The last named institution is conducting a very large business, and is one of the best conducted corporations of its kind in the state.

Mr. Vance married Lillie E. McClellan, of Wheeling, who died January 21, 1911. They became the parents of the following children: Henry E., James N., Jr., Lillie E. (who married S. W. Harper) and William N. Vance. Mr. Vance is affiliated with the Presbyterian church and is a Republican politically. He erected a beautiful memorial chapel to his father and mother in the suburbs of Wheeling. He has donated liberally to the support of the Young Men's Christian Association of Wheeling, and no worthy cause appeals to him in vain. He has large capitalistic interests in Wheeling, Chicago and the state of Alabama, and is known as a man of rare prescience and fine administrative ability. His record has been one of large and definite accomplishment and has been marked by an integrity of purpose from which there has not been the slightest deviation, so that, though a man of large affairs, he has ever commanded secure vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem, the while he has stood exemplar of loyal and progressive citizenship and shown special interest in all that has touched the advancement and prosperity of his home city.

M. L. BROWN, warden of the state penitentiary at Moundsville, is a well-known business man of West Virginia and for a number of years has been active in banking circles and in public affairs. The governor's appointment of Mr. Brown as warden on January 1, 1911, was justified by every consideration of personal and business qualifications. He is a man of broad experience, an energetic executive and of the highest integrity.

He was born in Monongalia county, West Virginia, in 1867. While growing to manhood in that county his educational opportunities were of the best and he was prepared for a large sphere of usefulness. At the age of eighteen he began teaching school and later entered the University of West Virginia for his higher education. When he was twenty-three years old his public career began with his election to the office of county superintendent of schools. He also served as deputy circuit clerk of his native county, and for several years was chief clerk in the Morgantown postoffice. In 1901 he engaged in the banking business and in 1906 organized and became cashier of the Bank of Morgantown. His successful career in these varied responsibilities led to his selection for one of the most important posts in the state government. Since attaining his majority he has been a supporter of the Republican party and has been active in its success in local and state campaigns. He served on the board of education at Morgantown for five years and he was serving as secretary of the board upon his resignation in order to accept his present position as a warden of the state penitentiary.



M. L. Brown

Mr. Brown is a member of the Masonic order, in both lodge and chapter, and he belongs to Monongalia Lodge, No. 10, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been secretary of the lodge at Morgantown, West Virginia. His church is the Methodist Episcopal.

SEATON ALEXANDER.—One of the representative business men and honored and influential citizens of Wheeling, Mr. Alexander is executive head of the firm of Alexander & Company, the most extensive retail shoe dealers in the West Virginia metropolis, where he has maintained his home for the past thirty years and where he has retained the unequivocal esteem of the community.

Mr. Alexander finds a due meed of satisfaction in claiming West Virginia as the place of his nativity and he is a scion of one of the old and sterling families of the historic Old Dominion, where the family was founded in the colonial era. He was born at Clarksburg, Harrison county, on the 24th of May, 1860, and is a son of Thomas B. and Harriett (Smith) Alexander. The father was for many years one of the prominent business men of Clarksburg, where he commanded the high regard of all who knew him and where he continued to reside until his death. Of their children one son and one daughter are now living.

Seaton Alexander is indebted to the public schools of his native town for his early educational discipline, and when but fourteen years of age he there secured employment in a shoe store, in which he gained a thorough knowledge of all details of the business. He there continued to be thus engaged for a period of seven years, at the expiration of which, in 1881, he established his home in Wheeling, where he was employed as a salesman in the retail establishment of the J. H. Locke Shoe Company for the ensuing eight years, at the expiration of which, in 1889, he engaged in the same line of enterprise on his own responsibility, under the present firm name of Alexander & Company. Associated with him in the business for the first decade was the Vance Shoe Company. In 1899 George J. Mathison was admitted to partnership, and in 1907, Joseph D. Kase. This effective alliance has since continued and the firm have a fine modern establishment at 1049 Main street, where a large and select stock of goods is ever in evidence, affording the widest range for selection. The concern has built up a shoe business which in scope and importance exceeds any other in the city, and the interested principals are numbered among the most progressive, substantial and popular business men of the city. The firm utilize two entire floors and the stock is larger and more comprehensive than is usually to be found in a city of the population of Wheeling, the while the equipments and facilities are of the highest metropolitan standard, ten employes being retained in the fine establishment, which caters to an appreciative and representative trade. During the busier seasons of the year several extra salesmen are employed. Mr. Alexander has gained success and prestige through his own well directed endeavors and is recognized as one of the most alert and progressive business men of the West Virginia metropolis, in whose civic and material advancement he takes a lively interest, as a loyal and public-spirited citizen.

In politics, though never a seeker of public office, Mr. Alexander is a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church, in whose faith they were reared. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Knights of St. George, besides which he is a member of the Carroll Club, one of the leading social organizations of Wheeling.

On the 2nd of September, 1885, Mr. Alexander was united in marriage to Miss Flora Kaiser, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of Frederick Kaiser, one of the honored pioneers of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are popular factors in connection with the social activities of the community and their attractive home, at 928 Main street, is a center of gracious hospitality. They have two children,—Bernard and Mary.

JOHN FRISSELL, M. D., whose long and distinguished career in medicine and surgery was made during a residence of over half a century in Wheeling, died in this city November 16, 1893, at the age of eighty-three. He was born in Peru, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, March 8, 1810. He was the son of Amasa Frissell, a thrifty farmer of Scotch descent. His mother was of English parentage, named Wilcox. They bestowed good educations upon their six children, four sons and two daughters. The eldest of the sons was a farmer, and the other three received collegiate educations and represented the professions of divinity, medicine and law.

The subject of this sketch, in his youth, worked on the farm with his father, attending the common school in winter, from which he was advanced to the academy in Old Hadley. He entered Williams College in 1827, and graduated A. B. in 1831. He commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Ebenezer Enmons, of Williamstown, whose assistant he had been in the chemical laboratory of Williams College for two years. In 1832 he attended lectures at the Berkshire Medical College, in Pittsfield. At the invitation of Professor Willard Parker, he accompanied him to Woodstock, in the spring of 1833, where he became demonstrator of anatomy. He filled the same position for Professor Parker in the Berkshire Medical School. At that period it was the duty of the demonstrator to prepare the dissections for the professor, and afterwards to recapitulate closely to the class the professor's lecture and carefully superintend and instruct all those making dissections.

Having continued demonstrator through the year 1834, and attending lectures, he graduated M. D. from the Berkshire College at the close of that time. In the fall of this year he received the degree of A. M. from Williams College. He remained at Pittsfield, hearing recitations and instructing students in anatomy during the spring and summer. In the fall and winter of 1835 he demonstrated his fourth and last course of lectures.

Dr. Frissell now removed to Wheeling, where he arrived on the 3d of June, 1836. In passing through New York city he purchased a set of surgical and obstetrical instruments. At first practice came to him slowly, but he occupied his spare time profitably in the study of botany, and in giving lectures on that subject in the schools of Wheeling. He also indulged his taste for the geological and mineralogical sciences, by studying the rocks and minerals to be found in the vicinity. But in a few years his time was required to perform the labor of his increasing professional engagements.

In a commercial and manufacturing city such as Wheeling laborers and mechanics are exposed to numerous accidents, so that the surgical practice is very large as compared to the ordinary sickness of its population. Dr. Frissell was, therefore, early called upon to take a prominent part in such operations, and became known as one of the best surgeons and most eminent physicians in West Virginia. The testimony to his surgical practice, recorded in the transactions of the West Virginia State Medical Society, prepared from his notes of every-day business,

would surprise most surgeons, of even large cities, who enjoy favorable opportunities for such practice. He was the first surgeon in western Virginia to avail himself of chloroform in capital operations, having used it first in November, 1850; and although using it in thousands of cases, no untoward accident ever occurred in his practice.

Dr. Frissell was connected with the Wheeling Infirmary during its continuance, and with the hospital which has succeeded it from the time of its establishment. For more than twenty years he held the appointment of chief physician and surgeon to these institutions.

Soon after the breaking out of the war Dr. Frissell was appointed, by Governor Pierpont, medical superintendent of the military prisoners and soldiers stationed at Wheeling. He was subsequently continued as acting assistant surgeon, at the same post, by the surgeon-general of the United States army to the close of the war. Dr. Frissell was also a member of the state board of examiners for surgeons entering the army during the war.

The position of surgeon for the marine patients at Wheeling was filled by him for more than twenty-five years. He was also physician to the convent of the Sisters of the Visitation, to the school for young ladies at Mount de Chantal, and to St. Vincent's College.

He was the first president of the Medical Society of the State of West Virginia, instituted May 10, 1867. He was a member of the American Medical Association and of the Medical Society of Ohio county; and an honorary member of the Medical Society of the State of California, and was a member of the Centennial International Medical Congress of 1876.

Dr. Frissell was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel John Thompson, of Moundsville, West Virginia. She died aged eighty-three years, in August, 1909. Six children were born of this union, but two of whom are living, three dying in infancy. One, John T., died aged twenty-eight years. The two living are Charles M., M. D., and Walker I., a broker in Wheeling. Dr. Charles M. married Sophia W. Logan, daughter of Thomas H. Logan, M. D., deceased. They have one child, Eliza.

DOCTOR THOMAS H. LOGAN, deceased, for many years one of the most eminent physicians and citizens of Wheeling, was of English ancestry and was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1828. His father, Dr. Thomas Logan, descended from a family that in colonial times settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. His mother, *nee* Elizabeth Blackmore, descended from an English family that came to the province of Maryland in 1701.

The subject of this sketch was educated at Washington College, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated with honors in 1846. He studied medicine, entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1850. The following year he located at Wheeling, Virginia, and began the practice of medicine. Some years later he became a wholesale druggist, and up to the time of his death was one of Wheeling's prominent business men.

Doctor Logan was a member of the convention that organized the Restored Government of Virginia in 1861, and was elected to the first legislature of the same as a delegate from Ohio county. He was chosen a delegate to the West Virginia legislature in 1878. Governor Boreman appointed him one of the first regents of the West Virginia University, in which capacity he served for many years as president of the board. Governor Matthews subsequently conferred on him the appointment as

one of the regents of the normal schools of the state. At the time of his death he was one of the nominees of the Republican party for a seat in the state legislature. He was many times urged to be a candidate for Congress and for governor of the state, but always refused to allow his name to be used for those offices. Though well versed in political economy, he was not a politician and disliked the thought of public life.

In 1852, the year following his location in Wheeling, he married Miss Eliza N. List, a daughter of the late John List, well known as the cashier of the Northwestern Bank of Virginia at Wheeling.

Dr. Logan died at his home in Wheeling, October 1, 1888. His creed was that the duties of life are more than life; and having lived up to that standard he was ready to die as one who had done no deed that dying he would wish to blot. A musician, a scholar, a leader, as such he left his impress upon all those with whom he associated in his threescore years of life.

Dr. Logan was prominent as a Free Mason. He was the first grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, which position he filled for seven years. He was for three years grand master of the Grand Lodge, and for two years grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia.

He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church; was for twenty-three years a Sunday-school superintendent, for more than thirty years leader of a church choir, and in 1872 was a lay delegate from the West Virginia conference to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. But few laymen were better known in that entire denomination than Doctor Thomas H. Logan.

BENJAMIN F. BONE, M. D., is one of the leading physicians in Moundsville, where he has successfully practiced medicine and surgery for three years, during which time he has given evidence of his professional abilities as well as of his own sterling qualities.

His birth place is Mount Pleasant, Jefferson county, Ohio, where his nativity occurred October 4, 1875. He received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of his native county, thus fitting him for entrance to Columbian College, Washington, District of Columbia. After terminating his medical course in this institution he presented himself before the state board of examiners and successfully passed their examination in 1900. He lost no time in commencing his professional career, selected Tunnelton as the scene of his activities and during the ensuing eight years he was a successful practitioner. He took the keenest interest in medical literature, profiting by the experiences of older practitioners, as recorded in current medical reviews and magazines. This interest he has continued to feel and he is at the same time glad to offer his own experiences in the furtherance of the cause of science. He was not, however, entirely absorbed in his professional life, but rather showed such interest in public affairs in general that he was elected to the mayoralty of the town and served for one year. He later went to Fairmont and in 1908 came to Moundsville. During his years of medical practice he had become especially skilful in surgery and on his arrival in Moundsville he was appointed official physician and surgeon to the state prison, serving one year. He has a large private practice, and was physician and surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for seven years. In addition to this he was a member of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Surgeons.

Dr. Bone is the eldest of a family of five children, whose parents are Pinkney and Jennie (Coleman) Bone, the father, a prominent merchant



Benny F. Bone

in Jefferson county. In 1899, in the month of roses and weddings, the doctor was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle G. Harr, whose father, Dr. Wayne Harr, was a respected physician in Tunnelton, West Virginia, where he died. With the course of time three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Bone, Margaret, born in 1900, Dorothy, in 1902, and George, in 1904.

The doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternal order and of the Mystic Shriners, Asirus Temple.

AUGUST WIEDEBUSCH.—For more than half a century the late August Wiedebusch maintained his home in Wheeling, where he located soon after immigrating from Germany to America, when a young man. He brought to bear the sterling qualities of a strong, energetic and upright nature and through his well directed efforts gained not only success and independence but also a secure place in the confidence and esteem of the community in which he so long lived and labored to goodly ends. He was one of the representative business men of the West Virginia metropolis, was broad-minded and public spirited as a citizen, and he wielded no slight influence in local affairs of a public nature, besides which he was called upon to serve in various offices of trust. His character and his worthy accomplishment as one of the world's productive workers render most consonant the entering of a tribute to his memory in this history of the city to whose civic and material advance he contributed his due quota.

August Wiedebusch was born in Meinbrexin, Province of Braunschweig, Germany, on the 30th of January, 1821, and was reared to manhood in his fatherland, where his parents, folk of sterling character and representatives of staunch old German families, passed their entire lives. He was afforded the advantages of excellent schools in his native land and in 1846, at the age of twenty-five years, he immigrated to the United States. Soon after his arrival he established his permanent home in Wheeling,—in the district then known as Ritchietown, in the present Eighth ward of the city,—and there he engaged in the general merchandise business, in which he built up a large and prosperous enterprise, based upon fair and honorable dealings and consequent popular confidence. He continued to be actively identified with mercantile pursuits for more than thirty years, and in 1879 he retired from this line of business, though his time and attention were fully occupied thereafter in the management of his various interests. He was treasurer of Ritchie township at the time when Ritchietown was annexed to the city of Wheeling, and his sterling character, progressive ideas and civic loyalty made him specially eligible for public office. He was for several years a valued member of the city council, in which he effectively represented the Eighth ward, and he also served as a member of the city water board. His allegiance was given to the Democratic party and he was well fortified in his opinions as to political policies. Both he and his wife were devout and consistent members of the German Lutheran church and he was identified with various social organizations of local order.

Mr. Wiedebusch had marked discrimination and sagacity in connection with business operations and he gained a competency through his own well ordered endeavors. He was one of the organizers and incorporators of the German Fire Insurance Company of Wheeling and also of the Nail City Brewing Company, which was succeeded by the present Schmulbach Brewing Company. He was also one of the original stockholders of the Beilaire Nail Works, whose plant was established

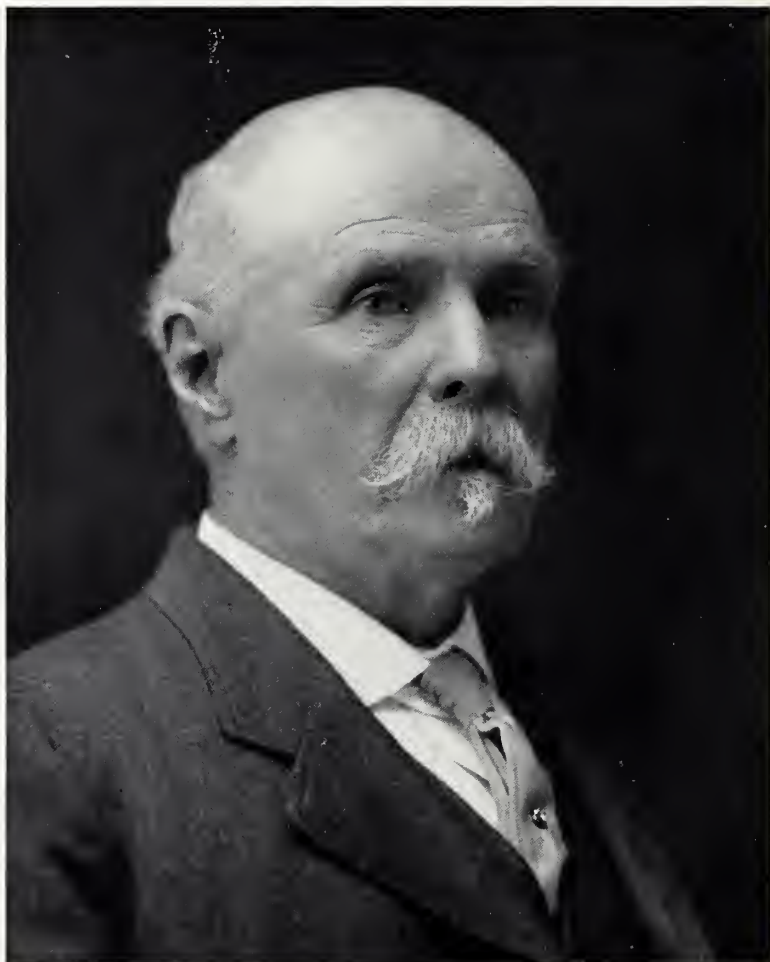
across the river at Bellaire, Ohio, and this concern, later known as the Bellaire Steel Company, is now an integral part of the United States Steel Corporation. He lent his support to various other industrial enterprises that have conserved the commercial precedence of Wheeling and he made judicious investments in city realty, in which connection it may be noted that in 1874 he paid the largest price then demanded for property in Market street,—five hundred dollars per front foot. He was virtually interested in all that touched the welfare of his home city and when he was summoned to the life eternal, on the 20th of May, 1900, the community manifested its sense of loss as well as its respect and high regard for a man who had proved strong and true in all the relations of life.

On the 2d of February, 1867, Mr. Wiedebusch was united in marriage to Miss Mina Knop, who was born in the same province as her husband, and who proved a devoted companion and helpmate. She is still living, in Wheeling, and of the five children the three sons and two daughters are living.

AUGUST H. WIEDEBUSCH.—A native son of Wheeling and a scion of one of its representative German families, Mr. Wiedebusch has gained secure vantage ground as one of the able and successful members of the bar of the West Virginia metropolis, and as a progressive and public-spirited citizen he has done his part in furthering the advancement of Wheeling along both material and civic lines, being one of the enthusiastic supporters of all worthy measures projected for the upbuilding of the "Greater Wheeling."

At the family homestead in the Eighth ward of Wheeling Mr. Wiedebusch was ushered into the world on the 10th of January, 1869. On other pages of this work appears a memoir to his honored father, the late August Wiedebusch, and thus it is not necessary in the present connection to give further record concerning the family history. After completing the curriculum of the public schools of his native city August H. Wiedebusch continued higher academic studies in Washington & Lee University, at Lexington, Virginia, and in the law department of this fine old institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887, duly receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws. His entire service in his chosen profession has been given in Wheeling. He has also been a progressive and successful dealer in real estate, and through his operations in this line has contributed materially to the advancement and upbuilding of his native city, where his capitalistic co-operation and executive interposition have also been given in the furtherance of various industrial and financial enterprises of representative order. He is a member of the directorate of the Dollar Savings & Trust Company and also of that of the German Fire Insurance Company of Wheeling, of which latter staunch institution his father was one of the organizers. He is a stockholder in various other industrial corporations in Wheeling and its vicinity and is ever ready to give his support to measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the community.

In politics Mr. Wiedebusch is aligned as a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor, and he has been an effective worker in its local ranks. He served from 1890 to 1898 as a member of the city council, and from 1893 to 1898 he was also deputy collector of internal revenue for the Wheeling district. From 1907 to 1909 he was a member of the city gas board, and he has otherwise given loyal service in behalf of good municipal government and progressive policies. Mr. Wiedebusch is an appreciative member



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of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is affiliated with Bates Lodge, No. 33, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Wheeling Union Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; and Wheeling Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templars, of which fine organization he is past commander. In the Scottish Rite of the order he is identified with West Virginia Consistory, in Wheeling, where he is also affiliated with Osiris Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which he has the distinction of being past potentate, besides which he is past exalted ruler of Wheeling Lodge, No. 28, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He holds membership in the Lutheran church, in whose faith he was reared, and is a popular factor in both business and social circles in his native city. Mr. Wiedebusch is a bachelor.

S. G. SMITH is a successful Wheeling business man and for a number of years has also been closely identified with the political and legislative affairs of the state. By profession he is a lawyer, though in recent years many business responsibilities have absorbed most of his attention.

Born at New Cumberland, Hancock county, West Virginia, December 12, 1860, he is a son of the late Buckner J. Smith and his wife Amanda R. In 1883 he was graduated in the classical course at Washington and Jefferson College, and in 1884 was admitted to the bar at Wheeling. For a number of years he was associated in the practice of his chosen profession with Hon. W. P. Hubbard until the latter retired.

Upon the death of his father, Mr. Smith became executor of his will and manager of the estate. He was one of the promoters and is a director of the News Publishing Company of Wheeling, and is a director of the Intelligencer Publishing Company of Wheeling. He is president of the Wheeling Printing & Paper Company, and of the Commercial Law Company.

Politically Mr. Smith has actively affiliated with the Republican party, and served as a member and chairman of the Republican congressional committee for this district from 1898 to 1906. In 1892 he was elected a member of the house of delegates from Ohio county, was re-elected in 1894, and again elected in 1900. His chief distinctions in legislation rest upon his authorship of the measures creating the State Tax Commission; regulating the granting of franchises in West Virginia; and permitting the sale of all farm products to the consumer free of any license tax.

He is an active member of the University Club of Wheeling, one of its board of governors and its secretary and treasurer; also a member of the Bibliophile Society of Boston, the American Civic Federation, the American Academy of Political & Social Science, the State Bar Association and the Ohio County Bar Association. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Smith is a Presbyterian.

He was married to Nannie S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McClurg, of New Cumberland, West Virginia, both now deceased. Their children are: Mary Amanda, Buckner Jett and Hallie C. Smith, but the last named died in infancy.

COLONEL ROBERT WHITE.—Graven deeply and with marked distinction on the history of the state of West Virginia are the name and works of the distinguished lawyer, publicist and orator whose name initiates this paragraph and who is one of the best known and most highly hon-

ored citizens of the metropolis of his native commonwealth. He was a gallant officer of the Confederate service in the climacteric period of the war between the states; he has served in high positions of public trust he has dignified and honored the profession of his choice; and his life has been guided and governed by those lofty principles that ever beget objective confidence and esteem. Colonel White may well be classed as a member of a striking group of men whose influence in the social and economic life of the nation has been of the most beneficent order. It is easy to attribute the elements of greatness to any man who has been in the least conspicuous in public affairs, but in the perspective of years each presentment assumes its true value and an unequivocal verdict may be rendered. The fame of Colonel White, now venerable in years, but in the resolute vigor of continuous accomplishment, rests on the firm basis of work worthily done and honors well won. In studying his clear-cut, sane, distinct character interpretation follows fact in a straight line of derivation, and there is no need for indirection or conjecture. His character is the positive expression of a strong and loyal nature, and the laurels of high personal accomplishment are his, as well as the honors of a distinguished ancestry.

Colonel Robert White, of Wheeling, one of the most brilliant members of the West Virginia bar, was born at Rommey, Hampshire county, this state, then a part of the historic Old Dominion commonwealth, on the 7th of February, 1833, and his lineage is of distinguished and patrician order. He is a lineal descendant of Dr. Robert White, who was a native of Scotland and who served as surgeon in the British navy. This ancestor was the founder of the family in America and he here married a daughter of John Hoge, who resided near York, Pennsylvania. Their son Robert, grandfather of Colonel White, was a resident of Winchester, Virginia, at the time of the inception of the war of the Revolution, and when but seventeen years of age he became an officer in the Colonial army. He was seriously injured in the battle of Monmouth, where he received a gun-shot wound in his thigh, the bones of which were broken. He also received a blow on the head from a musket in the hands of one of the Hessian mercenaries in the British forces, and he carried the scar of this wound until his death. He was taken from the battlefield to his home at Winchester, where he was confined to his bed for two years. Within this interval of inaction he began the study of law, in the learning of which he admirably fortified himself. He was finally admitted to the bar and soon afterward was made President Judge of the Old General Court of Virginia, and of this distinguished office he continued the honored and able incumbent until his death, which occurred at Winchester, in 1830.

Judge Robert White wedded Miss Arabella Baker, daughter of John Baker, Sr., of Berkeley county, Virginia. Her mother, Mrs. Judith (Wood) Baker, was a daughter of Peter and Susanna (Howard) Wood and a granddaughter of Henry Howard, of Howard Hall, England, a representative of the patrician house of Norfolk. Alexander White, a brother of Judge Robert White, was an eminent statesman of Virginia during the Revolutionary epoch. He served as a member of the Virginia house of burgesses as a contemporary of Patrick Henry, and there is a well authorized history to the effect that the latter never cast his vote in the house without first consulting his friend and confrere, Mr. White. Alexander White later served in the First and Second congresses of the United States and was known as one of the most eloquent speakers and broad-minded statesmen of his day.

John B. White, father of Colonel Robert White of this review, was born in Frederick county, Virginia, about 1760, and received excellent educational advantages, as gauged by the standards of the locality and period. He established his home in Hampshire county, Virginia, and he served as clerk of both the county and circuit courts from the time of attaining to his legal majority until his death, which occurred in the city of Richmond, Virginia, in October, 1862. He was a man of strong individuality and impregnable integrity of character, and he held high vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of the people of the section in which he lived. He married first Louisa Tapscott, of Jefferson county, by whom he had three children, Susan, Juliett and Arabella. He married for his second wife, Miss Frances A. Streit, daughter of Rev. Christian Streit, a distinguished clergyman of the Lutheran church and an intimate friend and companion of General Muhlenberg, of the Continental army. Rev. Christian Streit was pastor of a church at Winchester, Virginia, from the close of the war until his death, which occurred in 1830. Mrs. Frances A. (Streit) White survived her honored husband by about five years and was summoned to the life eternal in 1867. She was a woman of most gracious personality and was held in affectionate regard by all who came within the sphere of her gentle influence. John B. and Frances A. White became the parents of twelve children, of whom five sons and four daughters attained to years of maturity and of whom three sons and two daughters are now living, Colonel White, of this review, having been the second in order of birth. Of the sons it may be noted that Christian, who served as a captain in the Confederate army in the Civil war, has been clerk of the county court of Hampshire county, West Virginia, for many years; that Alexander, who was a lieutenant in the Confederate service, died in 1884; and that Henry, the youngest of the sons, now resides in the old home town of Romney, West Virginia.

Colonel Robert White was reared to maturity in what is now West Virginia and was afforded the advantages of the common schools of the day, as well as those of a home of signal culture and refinement. As a youth he became his father's deputy in the office of the clerk of the county and circuit courts of Hampshire county, and he continued to be thus engaged for a period of about six years. In the meanwhile he formulated definite plans for his future career and it may well be held fortunate that he decided to adopt the profession of law, in which it has been given him to achieve so marked distinction and success. He prosecuted his legal studies in an excellent school conducted by Judge Brockenbrough, at Lexington, Virginia, and in 1854 he was admitted to the bar of his native state,—the historic Old Dominion, which has given to the nation many of its most distinguished legists and jurists. Colonel White initiated the work of his profession in his native town of Romney, and such were his abilities and such his energy and ambition that his professional novitiate was of exceptionally brief duration.

Prior to the Civil war Colonel White had become a member of a uniformed militia company of Virginia and had been chosen captain of the same. When the war was precipitated he found himself well prepared for effective service, as he had gained excellent tactical and disciplinary knowledge. In May, 1861, at the initiation of the great and protracted conflict between the south and the north, the young Captain was ordered with his command, by the governor of Virginia, to report to General "Stonewall" Jackson at Harper's Ferry. Thereafter he continued in active service until the close of the war and he lived up to the full tension of the long internecine conflict, in which he participated in

many of the important battles marking its progress. Through valiant and gallant service he won promotions in official rank, being made in turn major, lieutenant colonel and finally colonel. The greater part of his long and zealous service was with the Thirteenth Virginia Infantry, and Twenty-third Virginia Cavalry regiment, in the Army of Northern Virginia, and the history of this command virtually constitutes the record of his distinguished military career. He continued with his regiment until the final surrender and left the ranks of the gallant soldiers of the south on the 14th of May, 1865. The Colonel has naturally retained the deepest interest in his old comrades in arms and he is an appreciative, valued and influential member of the United Confederate Veterans' Association. Since 1896 he has held the rank of major-general, commanding the West Virginia division of the above association (elected 1896) and by reason of the death of General Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, Colonel White became commander of the army of Northern Virginia, which represents the command of General Lee in 1861-65. Personal reminiscences in regard to the sterling character and heroism of the Confederate soldiers, Colonel White can relate graphically and with deep appreciation, and he has yielded to the importunities of the editor and publishers of this work by offering the following "war stories," which have not previously found place in recorded history and which are thus doubly worthy of perpetuation:

It is not because I, personally, was connected with the event, but because I felt it to be due to the conduct and memory of twenty-eight private Confederate soldiers that this story should be told by me whilst living, and you have afforded me the opportunity thus to tell it. It gives testimony to the devotion to duty and the unflinching manliness of the private Virginia soldier who had faithfully and heroically passed through many scenes and battles of the war, to the very last. For, think as you may, the Confederate soldier who, from a sense of duty and of loyalty to the cause, without sufficient food and in torn and tattered raiment, remained to the end, showed devotion such as has been seldom seen in the history of the world.

It was in March, 1865, hardly a month before the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox, and when every intelligent officer and soldier of the Confederacy felt that lasting defeat would soon come, that it was impossible for the torn and jaded ranks of Lee's army to hold out much longer, that the occurrence here related took place. The regiment of cavalry which I commanded had temporarily been disbanded during the latter part of the winter and early spring of 1864-65, in order that the worn horses might be recuperated as much as possible before the expected opening of the spring campaign. The regiment was, in the war phrase of the time, "out on horse furlough."

It was a beautiful, bright spring morning in March that I rode from a country home into the town of Staunton. General Early was there, but without an army. Large quantities of quartermaster and commissary stores were stored within the town, without any protection except that of a small provost guard. It was perhaps about nine o'clock in the morning that I dismounted at the commissary store rooms of General Early, and never shall I forget his looks as I gave him the salute due to his rank and position. In his quick and decisive manner he said: "Colonel, General Sheridan is coming up the valley with all his cavalry and artillery. He is now not more than ten miles from Staunton. I have here no army to meet him,—not even men to attempt to protect the commissary stored here. No, not cars enough to carry it away, even if I

had the means to load it for transportation." Looking at me keenly, he said: "Go out into the town and gather together as many as you can, and quickly as possible start down the valley and see what can be done to check for a while Sheridan's advance, and I will do the best I can to save our stores." Mounting my horse, I at once passed into the main street of the town, and the first man I met with whom I was acquainted was General Lilley, who had lost his arm at the first Manassas fight. I told him what General Early had said, and he at once replied: "Get what men you can and I will go with you," and off he started to get his horse. Riding up and down the street, I was fortunate enough to gather twenty-eight old, tried and true veteran cavalrymen.

North of Staunton about four miles is what is known as Harmon's hill, which is situated just south of the extended valley and bottom land—there perhaps a mile or more in width—through which a branch of the Shenandoah river passes in its eastward flow. Over that hill and down its eastern side, perhaps for a quarter of a mile, passed the old valley turnpike, and then on across the valley to the higher land upon its northern side. There were no fences there at the time. General Lilley soon joined our little command. We passed out of the town and reached the brow of Harmon's hill about ten o'clock in the morning. The scene around and below us was beautiful that bright spring morning. On reaching the brow of the hill the order was given for the twenty-eight men to dismount and deploy in a sort of skirmish line along the top of the hill, fourteen on either side of the road, there to await the approach of Sheridan's army, and not only this, but there to stand until I waved my sword in a circle around my head as a signal to each and all of them, and not till then were they to leave the brow of the hill and, hiding themselves under its protection, rally as rapidly as possible in the roadway and "not pull a trigger" until the word "fire" was given. General Lilley and myself remained upon our horses in the road, at the top of the hill.

Scattered so far apart on that hilltop, each man's form, standing out against the background of the sky, could easily be seen a long distance by General Sheridan as he approached, and the skirmish line thus extended would certainly present to him the thought that it must be the advance skirmish line of General Early's army, waiting battle on the other side. We had not been long stationed thus before General Sheridan's army appeared and entered the valley,—it was said ten thousand or more strong, cavalry and artillery. As this army advanced into the valley it was formed in battle array of brigades and battery. Never can memory forget the splendor, if not to say grandeur, of the scene we witnessed in the valley below us in the bright, sparkling sunlight of that day. The gay uniforms, the glittering swords and guns and cannon, the moving men, in that sunlight, from column into line, the quick changing of officers from place to place as they gave commands, presented to us a never forgotten scene. Our skirmishers, each one in his place, stood upon the hilltop. An hour, perhaps two hours, passed and no advance was made from the valley toward us. Some time during afternoon a squadron was detached from the right and front of Sheridan's army, which was moving rapidly up the road, and this squadron started up the hillside in a rapid gallop. At this juncture I gave the signal agreed upon, that of waving my sword with circular motion above my head. At once each skirmisher left his place and quickly the twenty-eight men were gathered into the roadway, lying flat and with their faces at the very brow of the hill. Onward and upward the squadron rapidly came almost upon us, when the word "Fire" rang out over the

scene. In one volley every rifle sent its bullet into the ranks of the advancing squadron. The horses, frightened at the suddenness of the volley, reeled, turned and rapidly went down the hill to its bottom. Immediately the twenty-eight veterans left the road and almost as soon as the squadron reached the valley below each of the intrepid defenders was in his place upon the hilltop again,—fourteen upon the right and fourteen on the left.

Some time elapsed, perhaps another hour, and again a squadron advanced as before, and the result was exactly similar to that in the first instance. After another hour or more had passed a regiment of cavalry was sent from the right and front of the army upon the same mission previously essayed by the repulsed squadron. Up that road the regiment came, with sabers drawn and with the men standing and bent forward in their stirrups. Again, and for the third time, was given the signal of the waving sword; again each veteran fell flat in the road upon the brow of the hill. The regiment advanced almost to the top of the hill, when the little band of defenders again responded to the command and sent forth in one volley their messengers of death; again the frightened horses of the invaders turned, and in one great mass rapidly passed in confusion to the base of the hill, whereupon the little skirmish line was again assumed by the gallant little band of veterans on the hilltop.

From this time until the darkness of the night, which was then fast approaching, there was silence along that skirmish line. Night came and we withdrew. General Early had departed and had nearly succeeded in carrying with him across the Blue Ridge mountains the commissary stores. We passed on, traveling through mud and mire the whole night long, and at early morning we reached the town of Waynesborough, situated on another branch of the Shenandoah river. During the night there had been sent to General Early several regiments of infantry and some artillery from General Lee's army, and in the meanwhile General Sheridan had advanced with his army on to the hills lying just west of Waynesborough. There, upon those hilltops, commenced that fight between Sheridan and Early which soon ended in the utter rout of General Early's army. I saw General Early on the afternoon of that disastrous day, standing away up the side of the mountain and overlooking the scene of the disaster. It was the last time I saw him until the unveiling of the Lee monument in the city of Richmond, in 1890. Were not these twenty-eight veterans true to duty to the last? Were they not as grand men and heroes as ever drew battle blades?

Another story of the war which is told by Colonel White and which has never before appeared in print is likewise deemed worthy of reproduction, and is here given:

As is well known, the Federal cavalry at one time during the war made a raid into the country lying immediately north and west of Richmond, and came near to the very suburbs of that city, which was then the capital of the Confederate government, the while it is further recognized that had the commander of that force known at the time the conditions in Richmond he could easily have entered and captured the city. The raid was, as Colonel White recalls it, known as Dahlgreen's raid. The colonel chanced to be in Richmond at the time and was sitting at supper with some friends when two of the provost guard, then on duty in the city, came to the door with a message that every male person was ordered to report immediately at the capitol square. Colonel White, in company with one of his friends, started at once for the capitol, and when they reached the square the scene was one of intense excitement. No part of Lee's army was then encamped in or near Richmond, and it was guarded

and protected by only a small provost guard. Upon entering the capitol square Colonel White found a great crowd gathered, and he and his companion slowly made their way through the assemblage, and when nearly opposite the northwest corner of the capitol building itself they found President Davis himself standing in an open buggy and addressing the crowd gathered about him. He was telling the people about the unprotected condition of the city and how the Federal cavalry had advanced almost to its portals. He made an earnest plea for all who were able to bear arms to volunteer at once for the purpose of assisting in keeping the enemy back. A short distance from the president the secretary of war, Hon. John W. Randolph, was also standing in an open vehicle and addressing the assemblage about him,—substantially to the same effect as was the president. Beyond the secretary of war, and near to the governor's mansion, the venerable John Letcher, then governor of Virginia, was likewise delivering a spirited address.

Hearing these speeches and witnessing the terrific excitement, Colonel White and his friend retraced their steps along the capitol pathway to the equestrian statue of General Washington. On one of the few unoccupied pedestals at this historic monument Colonel White took his stand and, with a strong voice, was enabled to attract the attention of the crowd and to beg all who could to fall in line so that a company might be formed to go to the front and resist the Federal raiders. After he had thus secured the attention of the crowd he leaped from the pedestal, and, with cane in hand, ordered that a space be cleared, after which he urged all who were available for service to fall in line and face to the front. These men and boys were then asked to elect a captain, and someone in the party moved that Colonel White be made the commanding officer. The vote was taken and he was unanimously elected. Thereupon the company was marched down to the southwest corner of the capitol square and on to the ordnance department, for the purpose of securing arms and ammunition from the chief of ordnance, with whom Colonel White was well acquainted. In short order the necessary equipment was secured and the command was then marched back to the capitol square for orders. It passed on the way three other companies that had been similarly organized and they were likewise going after proper arms. Colonel White's company, the first thus formed, was ordered to march to the old earthworks at the outskirts of the city, and within a short period other companies came to the front, making a force of approximately one thousand men who thus assembled to resist the threatened invasion, which was effectually warded off by this means.

After the close of the war Colonel White returned to Romney and entered at once into the practice of his profession. His father had died in 1862, as already noted in this context, and as the Colonel was the eldest of the children he became the virtual head of the family. He was associated in practice with John J. Jacob until the latter was elected governor of West Virginia and commanded a larger professional business than any other lawyer in that section of the state. In the meanwhile he devoted great effort to the developing of the beautiful South Branch valley. He prepared and secured legislative passage of the act providing for the establishing of the state institution for the deaf, dumb and blind, and through his influence the new institution was located in his native town. He served as one of its directors for many years. He was also the projector of the railroad connecting Romney with the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and he was the first president of the local railroad company, an office which he retained for many years.

In 1876 Colonel White, whose professional reputation had reached wide bounds, was elected attorney general of West Virginia, and on the 1st of April of the following year he removed to Wheeling, which was then capital of the state. When he left his old home he was given a noteworthy testimonial of respect and affection on the part of his old friends. Two brass bands were brought into requisition, speeches were delivered, and he was escorted by the citizens in general to the suburbs of the town, where an address was delivered by one of the old citizens.

Up to the time when Colonel White was elected attorney general the railroads had not been assessed or paid one dollar of taxes to the state. At that time the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroads were the two which passed through the state. Both of these great corporations had, from the time the state came into being, escaped taxation, relying upon the fact that in each of the original charters granted to them there was a provision which explicitly exempted them from taxation of any and every character. The then auditor of the state, shortly after he came into office, sent out to the sheriffs of the various counties through which the said roads passed, a statement showing that the state claimed that the companies were liable for taxes, and instruction that the sheriffs should collect such taxes. Very soon afterward the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company obtained an injunction from a judge of one of the circuit courts of the state, restraining sheriffs from collecting the taxes claimed. Not long afterward the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company obtained a similar injunction from the judge of the United States district court. The case of the Chesapeake & Ohio Company was that first decided by the circuit court, which sustained the injunction and restrained the state from collecting the taxes assessed against the company. The principal ground of the injunction in that case was that the old Virginia Central Railroad Company's charter explicitly exempted it from taxation, said charter having been granted by the state of Virginia long before the Civil war; and that the Chesapeake & Ohio Company was the successor of the original company, through purchase at a judicial sale of the old Virginia Central Railroad, together with all its rights, franchises and immunities. Under these conditions it was Colonel White, who was then attorney-general of the state, who conceived the thought that an exemption was no more than a personal privilege granted to the original company and that being such it could not be sold or assigned. Relying upon this idea and also insisting that the exemption was in violation of the constitution, which required that all taxation should be equal and uniform, the colonel, as attorney-general, prepared the answer to the bill of injunction. As has been stated, the circuit court sustained the injunction, but the Colonel took an appeal to the supreme court of the state, which tribunal reversed the lower court and dismissed the injunction. Thereupon the company carried the case to the supreme court of the United States, which sustained the decree of the West Virginia court of appeals. From that day to the present time all the railroads in West Virginia have paid yearly taxes into the state treasury,—an aggregate of thousands of dollars. This case stands as perhaps the most important that has been brought for adjudication before the West Virginia court of appeals. The case referred to is that of *Miller, auditor, versus Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company*, and is reported in *Nineteenth West Virginia Report*, page 408, and in *One Hundred and Fourteen United States Report*, page 176.

In the practice of his profession Colonel White has been connected with a vast number of cases of most important order, and among these may be mentioned what were known as the "war trespass cases," a great

number of which were instituted, after the close of the Civil war, against old Confederate soldiers. Colonel White was counsel for the defendants in perhaps four hundred or more of such cases. Some of them were instituted to recover damages for false arrest or false imprisonment, and some to recover damages because of property taken for the use of the Confederate army,—such as horses, cattle, etc. The courts of West Virginia then held that any person connected with the Confederate army was a co-conspirator with every and any other person in the army, and thus it was held that any Confederate soldier was responsible in damages for acts done anywhere by any other Confederate soldier. As counsel for the soldiers Colonel White sought to rely not only upon ordinary defenses but also to file and have maintained what was known as the “plea of belligerent rights,”—a plea which sought to maintain that the acts complained of were done in obedience to the orders of Confederate officers, and that the persons who did the acts were soldiers and entitled to all the rights and immunities of soldiers in civilized war power. The West Virginia courts invariably denied these pleas, and a vast number of judgments were secured against old Confederate soldiers. No relief would be granted by the courts of West Virginia, and Colonel White determined to make a case which would present the question involved, namely, the plea of belligerent rights, and to bring the case before the United States supreme court for final adjudication. Accordingly the case of *Freeland versus Williams*, which may be found reported in 131 United States Reports, page 406, was carried through the courts of West Virginia to the supreme court of the United States, where the cause was argued. This great court of last resort, after a full hearing of the argument, decided that the Confederate soldier was a soldier and entitled to all the rights and immunities as such when acting under the orders of his superior officer. Thousands of judgments, amounting to millions of dollars, had been obtained against former Confederate soldiers in West Virginia and other states, but this decision of the supreme court of the United States settled them all forever, and not one dollar of these judgments was ever afterward recovered. Indeed, no effort was ever afterward made to revive or enforce such judgments.

Another case well illustrates the fearlessness of Colonel White in the discharge of duty. Elihu Gregg had been convicted of burning the court house and public records of Preston county and of causing the death of the janitress, who was sleeping in the building. Gregg was condemned to death but afterward escaped jail and fled to Greene county, Pennsylvania, where he was among friends. Requisition for his extradition was made by Governor Matthews of West Virginia, and Colonel White, as attorney general, was requested to appear before Governor Hartranft of Pennsylvania to argue in favor of such extradition. The result was that upon his presentation of the case Governor Hartranft issued the order for extradition. Gregg obtained a writ of habeas corpus and the matter was carried before Judge Wilson, presiding on the bench of the court of Greene county. Colonel White found himself facing a mob of Gregg’s friends and sympathizers, who threatened to lynch him. He was advised to leave town but replied that he had a duty to perform and that he would perform it. He made his way to the court house, secured the attention of the crowd and was on his feet for more than five hours, with the result that he made the justice of his plea felt and secured the extradition of the prisoner.

Colonel White declined re-election to the office of attorney-general but he has since that time been twice elected to the house of delegates of the state legislature—in 1885 and in 1891. As may well be understood,

he proved an able, zealous and incorruptible legislator. He was made chairman of the finance committee in both sessions. The majority of the members of the legislature of 1891 were of the same political faith as Colonel White, and at the close of the session the following testimonial was signed and presented to him:

Hon. Robert White:

Sir: Among the members of the legislature of West Virginia there is a general desire to express to you in some formal way their appreciation of the great zeal, ability and untiring industry that have marked your course in the legislature this session. As chairman of the finance committee and one of the judiciary committee of the house, the duties incumbent upon you have been exceedingly important and exacting, both in committee room and on the floor of the house. In the performance of these duties you have been so zealous, industrious, painstaking and conservative as to attract the attention and win the respect and confidence of the entire legislature, and to deserve the thanks and gratitude not only of your fellow members but of the people of the state at large. Permit us, therefore, to tender to you some expression of our appreciation of the benefit to the state derived from your earnest labors and to say that we all feel that you have fully deserved not only our commendation but a right to the gratitude and respect of your fellow citizens throughout the state of West Virginia.

For the past few years Colonel White has been retained as counsel in Wheeling for both the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company and the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, and he has found ample demands upon his time and attention in attending to the law matters of these important corporations. During the recent strikes he instituted and attended to the several injunction cases in the United States district court in Wheeling.

On the 22d of February, 1885, Colonel White was appointed by the governor of West Virginia to represent the state at the dedication of the Washington monument in the national capital, and on that occasion he acted as assistant to the grand marshal. He was grand marshal of the day on the occasion of Admiral Dewey's visit to Wheeling, February 22, 1900, and the distinguished admiral later sent to the Colonel his photograph, with complimentary inscription and signature. Colonel White is an appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, and he has served as grand master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. On the 14th of December, 1899, on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of the burial of General George Washington, representatives of the Masonic fraternity from all parts of the world assembled at Mount Vernon and reproduced, as nearly as possible, the burial ceremonies that had taken place at that hallowed spot a century before. Colonel White had command and stood beside President McKinley during the latter's address.

On the lecture platform Colonel White has gained distinction, and he has been called upon to deliver addresses before representative assemblies in various parts of the Union. With special favor have been met his lectures on the passion play of Ober-Ammergau, which reverent ceremonial in the Bavarian hills he attended in 1900, and his nobly fervent lecture entitled "The Old Foundations Stand," the same being a reply to the agnostic doctrines of the late Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll. As may well be understood, the Colonel has been unwavering in his allegiance to the Democratic party and he has long been known as a most able exponent of its principles and policies. Both he and his wife are most zealous and devoted members of the First Presbyterian church of Wheel-

ing, in which he is ruling elder, and he represented the West Virginia presbytery at the Centennial general assembly of the church in Philadelphia.

In the year 1859 was solemnized the marriage of Colonel White to Miss Ellen E. Vass, who was born at Baltimore, on the 23d of July, 1838, and who is a daughter of the late James C. Vass, an official of the old Bank of Virginia, in Richmond. For more than half a century Colonel and Mrs. White have walked down the pathway of life together, sustained and comforted by mutual love and devotion, and now, when the shadows begin to lengthen from the west, where the sunset gates are open wide, they find that their lines are indeed "cast in pleasant places." Of their six children only one is living—Catherine, who is the wife of Charles M. Ferrell, of Richmond, Virginia. John B., the first born son, died at the age of four years; James C., died in infancy; Robert, died after the close of the Civil war, when about two years old; Marshall V., who became identified with business activities in the city of Philadelphia, died in 1894, at the age of twenty-seven years; and Nellie was fourteen years of age at the time of her death. Colonel and Mrs. White have an attractive home, at Bae-Mar Place, Pleasant Valley, near Wheeling, and the same is a favored rendezvous for their wide circle of valued and time-tried friends.

THE SINSEL HARDWARE COMPANY, of Cameron, West Virginia, was incorporated June 3, 1909, with the following officers: President, H. S. Sinsel; vice-president, Anna Sinsel; secretary, W. S. Sinsel; treasurer and manager, H. W. Sinsel, thus it will be seen that the Sinsel family forms the company, which does a large and profitable business, both wholesale and retail. The company owns its own building, a three-story brick building measuring fifty by sixty feet, the largest building in Cameron, erected at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars. To give a complete history of the company involves the history of each member of the Sinsel family, but in this limited space we will content ourselves with a brief outline of the lives of the manager and of the president.

H. W. Sinsel, the manager of the company, was born near Grafton, West Virginia, in 1879, and is the son of W. S. and Julia Sinsel, both natives of West Virginia, where they followed the occupation of farming. Their three children, H. W., Howard and H. S., were all born and raised on the farm, where they spent the early years of their lives, attending the district schools of their neighborhood. When H. W. was seventeen years of age he decided that farming was not his vocation and being drawn towards the mercantile business he started out in that line. Having no money to carry him half way up the ladder at one bound, he was forced to begin at the bottom, by which means he learned something new at every rung, things he would have escaped knowing if he had not had the practical experience. He began life, in the business realm, by clerking in a grocery store; he was possessed of business instincts and by careful observation and practical experience he learned business principles and methods of trade. In 1900, when he was just twenty-one years of age, he came to Cameron and engaged with J. D. Owens, who had been in the hardware business for some time. Mr. Sinsel had been very saving and had accumulated a little money, so that he was able to buy an interest in the business. The partnership continued for seven years, at which time H. W. and H. S. Sinsel purchased Mr. Owen's interest in the business, which they conducted until 1909, when the present company was incorporated.

H. W. Sinsel was united in marriage with Miss Eugenie Mugler, daughter of H. J. Mugler, of Grafton, West Virginia, the ceremony taking place in 1900, just at the time when H. W. Sinsel came to Cameron. One daughter was born to the union, Madeline. Mr. Sinsel is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he holds various offices. He is an elder, clerk of the sessions and treasurer. Indeed he is almost as necessary to the proper running of the church as he is to the well being of the hardware company. He is affiliated with the Masonic order, holding membership in the Cameron Lodge, No. 17, Free and Accepted Masons.

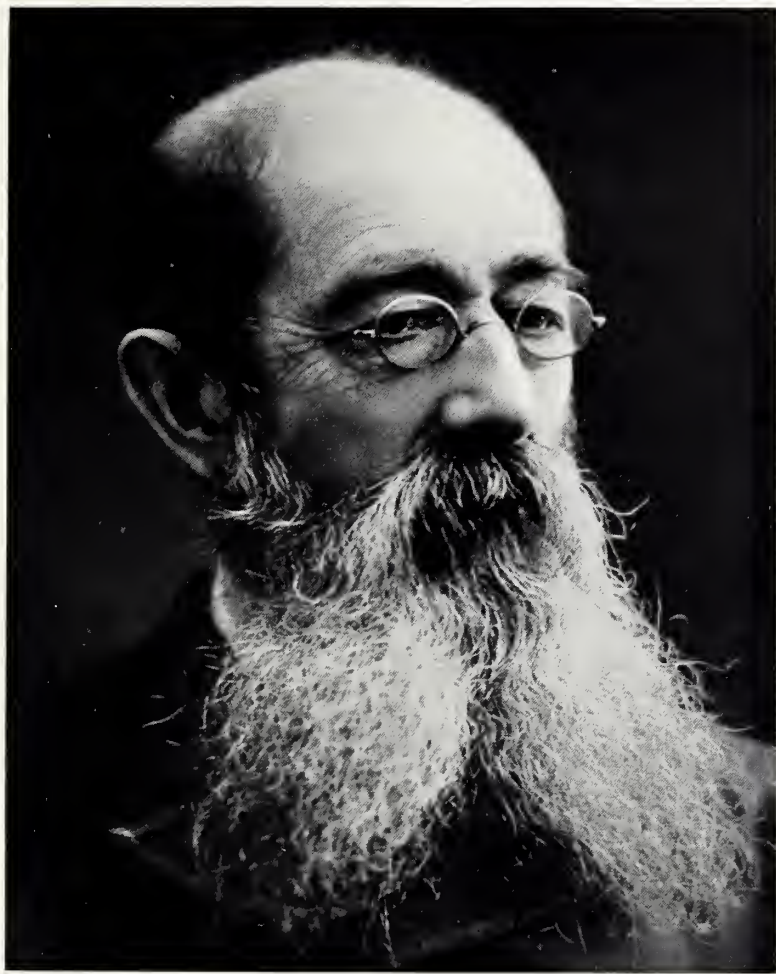
His brother, H. S. Sinsel, president of the Sinsel Hardware Company, was born at Grafton, West Virginia, in 1880, and spent the first nineteen years of his life on the farm, gaining thereby health and vigor besides the sense of responsibility which comes from the exercise of the duties of farm life and which will be of benefit to a man no matter where his after lot may be cast. Eight years ago, 1903, Mr. H. S. Sinsel became a member of the Sinsel Hardware Company.

In September, 1908, he married Miss Anna Walton, the daughter of M. S. and Mary Walton. No children have been born to this marriage. H. S. Sinsel is also active in church work, but he attends the Baptist church. He is a member of two fraternal orders, the Knights of Pythias and Cameron Lodge, No. 17, Free and Accepted Masons.

The policy of the company is briefly told, to please their customers. They carry a full and complete line of all kinds of hardware, and if by chance they should be asked for something they do not handle the deficiency is speedily remedied. It is a wonderful thing for a town to possess a store which is run by a family such as the Sinsel family, where father, sons and daughter are united in a common business interest, but it is a still greater thing that it is run on the Christian principles which are carried into the every day workings of the business and not confined to the fulfilment of duties on Sunday in the Baptist and Presbyterian churches. There are men who say that it is impossible to carry religion into business relations, but the Sinsel family are exemplifications of the contrary. Just as the commercial standing of the town is raised by the existence of the store, so the town itself is bettered by the presence of each member of the Sinsel family in the community.

CHARLES H. WHEELER.—One striking evidence of the stability and solid prosperity of the City of Wheeling is found in the continuous growth of the old established merchant tailoring house of C. H. Wheeler & Son. Here we find one of the instances, rare in this country, of the name and business of a long established merchant handed down through successive generations. Such commercial stability is based upon the solid foundation of sterling character and a rigid adherence to the highest principles of conduct and fair dealing.

The founder of this business, Charles H. Wheeler, was born on Long Island, New York, on January 26, 1819. He was a worthy descendant of a family that, in 1649, became large landholders there. As was the custom of the day, though his brothers followed the sea, he learned his trade of tailoring at Smithtown, Long Island. As a young man, after gaining further experience in his work in New York city, he "went West"—the "west" being represented by Cumberland, Maryland. After a successful venture there and having married Miss Henrietta Lakin, daughter of an old Cumberland family, he came still further West, arriving by stage coach in Wheeling in 1850. Here, with his brother-in-law, J. T. Lakin, he established one of the earliest merchant tailoring shops of the city, under the firm name of Wheeler &



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Lakin. They were the first occupants of the famous old Washington Hall upon completion of that building. Through more than half a century of active life he was the recognized leader of his craft in Wheeling, though various changes of organization finally led to the formation of the house of C. H. Wheeler & Son, with his son, Charles H. Wheeler II, as the other partner.

A charter member of Nelson Lodge, F. & A. M., and a lifelong Democrat in politics, Mr. Wheeler represented in his daily life an active though quiet force for honesty, justice and integrity. Coupled with a rare strength of character he possessed a modesty which consistently led him to refuse any public position or preferment. Though of New York birth, he was ever most loyal to the state of his adoption, strong in his faith in the progress and destiny of West Virginia. The business so founded and impressed by his personality he laid aside to be carried on by his son, and died upon his eighty-sixth birthday, January 26, 1905, some five years after the death of his wife.

Charles H. Wheeler II, now head of the house, with his sister Cora (now Mrs. Murray Springer of Chicago), are the only surviving children of a large family. The growth of Wheeling can be traced in the last quarter century by the steady progress of this house. The present head of the house, after an actual apprenticeship at his trade following a thorough school and business education, came into the firm when it was established in 1889 in the Riley block. Growth was marked by changes in location to the present attractive quarters at 1053 Main street, where they have been for the past twelve years. Possessing not only the practical knowledge necessary to the finest quality of workmanship, Mr. Wheeler has also, to a marked degree, an understanding of the art of his business, without which mere mechanical skill means little. A rare sense of color and line values, an intimate knowledge of fabrics and a clear appreciation of the "personal" note in his customers have aided in the building up of a business that represents today the most discriminating buyers of Wheeling and nearby towns.

Mr. Wheeler is a public spirited citizen. Like his father, he is Democratic in politics without aspirations for office; is a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade, The Business Men's Club and the Associated Charities. He affiliates with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and with his family is a member of the Second United Presbyterian church. In 1895 he married Miss Anna Blanche Hare, of Wheeling, a daughter of William and Jane (Taylor) Hare. They have two sons, William Hare Wheeler and Charles Horatio Wheeler III.

R. E. CROW.—The thriving little city of Bellaire, Ohio, properly finds representation in this history of Greater Wheeling and Vicinity, and within the pages of this publication, therefore, may be found specific mention of an appreciable quota of those who stand as influential and honored citizens of Bellaire. Of this number none is more worthy of such recognition as Mr. Crow, who is the present incumbent of the office of city auditor. He has held his present responsible office since the 1st of June, 1906, and in the same succeeded F. A. Jackson, who was formerly city clerk and who was the first to fill the newly created office of city auditor, so that Mr. Crow is the second incumbent to administer the affairs of this position.

Further interest attaches to the career of R. E. Crow from the fact that he is a representative of one of the old and honored families of Bellaire, with whose history the name has been linked for nearly half a century. Here he himself was born on the 28th of January, 1868, and he is a son of Joseph S. and Jennie (Benline) Crow, the former of

whom likewise was born in Belmont county, within whose borders his ancestors established their home in the early pioneer days, and it is worthy of special record that his great-grandfather erected one of the first houses in the embryo village that was eventually developed into the present fine little city of Bellaire. John F. Wortman, who was a representative of the same family in the maternal line, was one of the most progressive citizens of Bellaire, and had the distinction of bringing the first stationary steam engine into Belmont county. Joseph S. Crow passed his entire life in Belmont county and the major part of his active career was given to the vocation of contracting and building. He was a man of sterling character and ever commanded secure place in the confidence and esteem of the people of his native county. His death occurred on the 9th of July, 1907, and his widow still maintains her residence in Bellaire, having supervision of the home in which her son R. E., of this review, finds abiding place and the deepest maternal solicitude. Of the five children it may be stated that George M. likewise remains a resident of Bellaire and he is employed in the Laughlin Tin Mill at Martins Ferry, Ohio; that the subject of this sketch is the next younger child; that Josie O. is the wife of Charles W. Lancaster, of Bellaire, Ohio; and that the other two children are deceased.

The present auditor of Bellaire is indebted to the public schools of his native county for his early educational discipline, which included the curriculum of the Bellaire High School. At the age of sixteen years he began a practical apprenticeship at the carpenters' trade in which he became a skilled artisan. For several years he was employed in a nail factory during the winter months, when outside building operations were virtually closed down. He was a member of the local carpenters' union. With the passing of time he determined to amplify his education, and with this end in view he entered Franklin College, at New Athens, Ohio, and graduated as a member of the class of 1904, and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Thereafter he successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of his native state for a period of twelve years, and he continued thus to devote his attention to the pedagogic profession until he was appointed to his present municipal office.

While not active in the domain of practical politics he accords a staunch allegiance to the Democratic party. In the time-honored Masonic fraternity he is affiliated with Bellaire Lodge, No. 267, Free and Accepted Masons; Bellaire Chapter, No. 107, Royal Arch Masons, and Bellaire Council, No. 87, Royal and Select Masters. He is also prominently identified with other representative fraternal organizations, in which his affiliations are here briefly noted: Bellaire Lodge, No. 378, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Bellaire Encampment, No. 122, of the same order; Black Prince Lodge, No. 57, Knights of Pythias, in which order he is also a member of Arlington Company, No. 92, Uniform Rank; Bellaire Lodge, No. 421, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Bellaire Aerie, No. 371, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Waneta Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, at Martins Ferry; Local Nest of the Order of Owls.

HARRY NORTHWOOD.—On other pages of this work is incorporated a record concerning the H. Northwood Company, of which Harry Northwood is vice-president and general manager, and of the line of enterprise with which he is thus identified none can claim a more intimate technical knowledge, as he is an authority in regard to all details of the manufacturing of glassware, in connection with which he has invented and suc-



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cessfully introduced various original methods and devices. He is a representative of a family that has been concerned with the manufacturing of glass in England for many generations and, in fact, it may be stated that no family in the "tight little isle" takes precedence of the Northwoods in the matter of continuous association with this industry, by reason of which fact it may be readily inferred that the subject of this review has an inherent as well as an acquired talent for the important business in which he now holds definite prestige, as an interested principal and executive officer of one of the foremost concerns of its kind in the Union. For supplemental data concerning his connection with the affairs of the company which bears his name reference should be made to the article descriptive of the corporation.

Harry Northwood is a scion of the staunchest of English stock and the name which he bears has long been identified with the annals of Staffordshire, England. He was born at Wordsley, that county on the 30th of June, 1860, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Duggins) Northwood, both of whom were likewise born in Staffordshire, where they passed their entire lives. The father was actively concerned with the practical activities of glass manufacturing during his entire business career and was a man possessed of those sterling attributes of character that ever beget objective confidence and esteem. He was the well known English artist in cameo glass, and produced, after years of close application, the masterpieces known as "The Birmingham Vase," "The Dennis Vase," and also an exact copy of the famous "Portland Vase." These are considered to be the greatest works of art in glass produced since the Roman era, and accounts in detail are to be found in the Art Journals of Europe of the period 1876 to 1890.

He whose name initiates this review gained his early educational training in the schools of Stourbridge, Worcestershire, England, which is the center of the glass industry. He began an apprenticeship to the trade of glass-worker when he was fourteen years of age, and received specially careful instruction under the effective direction of his honored father, the while he had the advantages of gaining his technical training in leading glass manufactories of his native land. He has been continuously identified with the manufacturing and decorating of glassware during his entire active career and his skill and technical information are of the highest order, so that he is most admirably fortified for the management of the practical details of the splendid industrial enterprise with which he is now connected.

In 1881, shortly after attaining to his legal majority, Mr. Northwood severed the gracious ties that bound him to home and native land and came to America. He was well equipped for effective service in the work of his chosen vocation and found profitable employment forthwith. He made Wheeling his destination and here he was designer and etcher for the firm of Hobbs, Brockunier & Company in 1881-2. It is interesting to note in this connection that the original plant of this concern, established in 1836, is now a part of the fine manufactory of which he is general manager, besides which he is vice-president of the operating company, the organization of which was effected by him, as will be noted by reference to the sketch of the history of the corporation. From 1883 to 1887 Mr. Northwood was manager of the LaBelle Glass Works, at Bridgeport, Ohio, and thereafter he was vice-president and general manager of the Northwood Glass Company, at Martins Ferry, that state until 1892, when the base of operations was transferred to Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, where he continued the incumbent of the same official positions, under the original corporate title of the company, until 1896.

Thereafter he was managing partner of the Northwood Company at Indiana, Pennsylvania, until 1899, when he returned to his native country and assumed the position of manager of the London office of the National Glass Company. In 1901 he returned to the United States and soon afterward he effected the organization of the important company that bears his name and of which he has since been vice-president and general manager. He is an enthusiastic advocate of the upbuilding of the larger and greater Wheeling and is essentially loyal and progressive as a citizen, the while he holds prestige as one of the vigorous and representative business men of the West Virginia metropolis. In addition to his association with the H. Northwood Company he is an active and valued member of the Wheeling Board of Trade.

In politics Mr. Northwood accords allegiance to the Republican party, and while a resident of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, he served in the office of burgess, in 1894-6. In that place also he still retains his affiliation with Ellwood City Lodge, No. 599, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, besides which he holds membership in Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templars, in Wheeling. As a youth he was identified with the volunteer militia of England, as sergeant in the Eighteenth Staffordshire Rifle Volunteers, with which he was identified from 1876 to 1881. Both he and his wife were reared in the faith of the established Church of England, and in America they accordingly retain the same generic affiliation, as communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church.

On the 27th of May, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Northwood to Miss Clara Elizabeth Beaumont, daughter of John and Elizabeth Beaumont, of Handsworth Staffs, England, and they have two children—Harry Clarence and Mabel Virginia, the latter the wife of Harry M. Robb, of Wheeling, where he is associated with the W. L. Lukens Company.

GEORGE MORTIMER FORD, superintendent of the Hazel Altas Glass Company, when a boy of twelve began working in the factory of the old Wheeling Hinge Company, which was later succeeded by the company of which he is superintendent. Nearly forty years of service in one industry, characterized by faithful application and business ability, has won him a place among the successful men of Wheeling.

Mr. Ford was born in the suburbs of Wheeling, June 22, 1860, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Jane (Baird) Ford. The father died shortly before the birth of his son. The latter, though sickly during childhood, began work as a wage earner when nine years old, having had one year in the public schools and later one term of night school. His first work was in a stogie factory, and then as a boy helper in a glass factory. In July, 1872, his work began in the Wheeling Hinge Company's factory. He was in the shipping department, became shipping clerk, and was promoted to superintendent, and the successful direction of the plant has rested on him for many years.

As a public-spirited citizen Mr. Ford served six years on the Wheeling board of education. He is an independent Republican, but takes no active part in politics. Fraternally he is thirty-second degree Mason, being a past officer in Nelson Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Wheeling Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Wheeling Commandery, Knights Templars, Osiris Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

Mr. Ford married Miss Fredericka Elizabeth Fader, daughter of John and Mary Elizabeth Fader. They have four children: Marjorie Elizabeth, George Mortimer, Jr., Helen Brady and Frederick Tatum.

Shortly after his marriage Mr. Ford became a member of St. Matthews Protestant Episcopal church.

R. G. BLANKENSOP, proprietor of the Blankensop Manufacturing Company, of Moundsville, is one of the successful manufacturers in a county noted for its commercial activities. The business man of today is a creator, a builder, an economist. The only way to make money is to render a service to humanity—to supply something that people want, and he who confers the greatest service at the least expense is the man whom we will crown with honor and clothe with riches. Mr. Blankensop is busily engaged in performing this service, and in receiving the returns therefor.

In the little town of Wellsburg, West Virginia, in 1865, Mr. Blankensop made his first appearance on the scene of life. His parents, John and Mary (Goudy) Blankensop, were life-long residents of Wellsburg. There they were born and reared, there educated and married and there became the parents of three children. There, too, the husband and father was for many years one of the prosperous merchants and subsequently engaged in the foundry business, his being one of the oldest established foundries in West Virginia. He was engaged in this occupation up to the time of his demise.

R. G., the eldest and only surviving member of the family, received his educational training at the schools of his native town and when he attained his majority he determined to follow in his father's footsteps and become a merchant. He removed to Moundsville and began his business career by the establishment of a little shop, in which he sold notions only, but he speedily extended his operations and began to manufacture articles. In 1891 he established the embryo of the firm as it exists today, making a specialty of manufacturing ladies' wash garments. For the ensuing four years he conducted the business in his own name and under his direct leadership, and in 1905 he formed a partnership alliance with James D. Burley, but the old name was unchanged; the title of the firm is now, as at its inception, the Blankensop Manufacturing Company. The company owns its own building, a two-story edifice, forty by one hundred and twenty feet, where they employ about fifty hands, engaged in the manufacture of ladies' underwear. It also has a retail department, a store seventy feet long and twenty-five feet wide. The gradual growth of the business from its modest beginning to its present healthy proportions and prosperous conditions is the direct result of the excellent management of the active head of the concern, who has made for himself an enviable reputation among the manufacturers of his vicinity by his conservative observance of the principles which govern a successful business.

In 1890, while Mr. Blankensop was conducting his little "notion" store, he married Miss Elizabeth Hunter. For nine years the wife was her husband's companion and helpmeet, and April 7, 1899, when he was beginning to reap the rewards of his efforts, she died, leaving three children, Robert, Anita and William, to be cared for by their father. In 1905 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth F. Knight.

E. W. LOHR.—When we consider the achievements of a man like Mr. Lohr we are driven to make a comparison between his condition and that of thousands of other men who commenced their business life with just as great educational advantages and just as much outside help, and yet many of them eke out a bare existence, while Mr. Lohr is regarded as a wealthy man. Circumstances have a great effect on a man's career,

and yet it is due to Mr. Lohr to say that he made his own circumstances, or at any rate he put himself in the position where he could take advantage of them. Probably his marked success is almost entirely attributable to his shrewd judgment, which has shown him what to accept and what to reject in life.

E. W. Lohr was born in Monroe county, Ohio, in 1868. His parents, John and Caroline (Deigle) Lohr, had their nativity in Germany, both immigrating to this country in their youth, the former in 1838 and the latter in 1842. They both settled in Ohio, where they were later married and became the parents of eight children. Mrs. Lohr, the mother of our subject, died October 28, 1911. Mr. Lohr was a carpenter as a young man, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and now owns a two hundred-acre farm in Monroe county, Ohio.

E. W. Lohr is the fifth of his father's family. He passed the first seventeen years of his life at home with his parents, where he assisted in the work about the farm and attended the schools of his neighborhood. In August, 1885, he crossed the river and came to Moundsville, where he learned the barber trade and he has continued to carry on this business in addition to looking after his other large interests. Early in his business career he became interested in Moundsville real estate and since 1892 he has been more or less a dealer and speculator in real estate property. It was his opinion that there would be a boom in real estate in what is known as the east end and he succeeded in borrowing seven thousand dollars, which capital he invested in real estate in this locality. His prognostications were realized, as now the east end is one of the most flourishing districts of Moundsville, so that the money proved to be well invested and productive of quick returns. From that time his credit was assured and he could borrow all the money he wanted and he made judicious use of same, with the following results—he now owns a beautiful residence on Second street, which is his present home; he owns four houses and three vacant lots on Third street; he owns the property on Jefferson avenue where his shop is located; he owns a house on Grant avenue, one on Center street, one on Cedar avenue and two lots on Jackson avenue. In addition to this he owns thirty-three acres of land within the corporation, known as the Peach Orchard; he is a stockholder in the Marshall store, the Mercantile Banking and Trust Company, the Citizens Building and Loan Association and the Trimble Johnson Company. He also owns stock in the new cemetery, of which concern he is a director.

On December 15, 1890, Mr. Lohr married Miss Bertha Flanagan, a native of Marshall county, West Virginia. They have a family of three, Nellie A. (now Mrs. Kine), Olive M. and Blanche E. In the midst of Mr. Lohr's accumulation of real estate and other interests he has found time to devote to public matters and is at the present time serving on the city council, where he is doing excellent work. He is regarded as one of the leading, most progressive residents of Moundsville.

G. B. HENSLEY.—A professional man, and above all a physician, may always be looked upon as making more or less of a sacrifice of himself to aid humanity and the cause of science. He receives less monetary return for his work than a business man, and yet as a general rule he has expended much more time and money in preparation for his career than has the business man. The physician who looks upon his profession as merely a means of livelihood is an utter failure; but such was not the attitude of Dr. G. B. Hensley, of Bellaire, who from the first has conformed to the highest ethics of his profession.

G. B. Hensley was born on the 24th of July, 1856, in Augusta county, Virginia, and is the son of James L. Hensley and Eliza (Stombauch) Hensley. The father's earliest recollections center around the farm where his birth occurred on the 24th of January, 1832, and where he spent the first few years of his life. When he was old enough he was sent to the country schools of his district, and at the same time assisted in the work of the farm, thereby acquiring those habits of usefulness which so contributed to his future success. He had, however, no desire to become a farmer, and by the time he had completed his common school course he had decided that he would become a physician. To that end he entered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated therefrom as third in his class. He at once commenced practice, but he was soon possessed with the strong desire to minister to the souls of the sick as well as to their bodies. No sooner had he conceived the wish than he began to study theology, while at the same time continuing his practice. His theological studies, which were deep and thorough, were carried on in the odd moments that he could snatch from his professional duties and were oftentimes continued far into the night. At the conclusion of the course which he had prescribed he was ordained in the United Brethren church on the 18th of October, 1856. When President Lincoln made his first call for volunteers Dr. Hensley offered his services for the Union cause, enlisting in the Ninety-sixth West Virginia Infantry and serving on the staff under General Boyer. At the close of the war he returned to his life of a civilian and continued to preach and to practice medicine. He has been at all times greatly interested in education in all of its branches and served on the board of education in Mason county. Subsequently he became a citizen of Marion, Marion county, Ohio, acquired strong influence in politics and was elected to the Seventy-second general assembly. He was engaged in many outside interests, but he found time to bring up his children to be useful men and women, with the desire to live upright, helpful lives. Dr. Hensley served his God by preaching the Gospel in season and out of season; he served his country by his participation in the Civil war; and he served his fellow men in the practice of his medical profession. Outside of his intimate circle of friends and relatives he is perhaps most widely known as one of the founders of the United Brethren Conference in West Virginia. He is still living in Marion, Ohio.

Dr. Hensley's son, G. B., received his preliminary education at various schools in New Haven, West Virginia, but he was desirous of becoming a physician, like his father, and to that end he became a student at the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in the class of 1876. Immediately thereafter he came to Mason county, West Virginia, where the elder physician was in practice at that time and the father and son became professionally associated. Dr. G. B. Hensley established his first independent practice in Jackson county, West Virginia, and after a short time he came to Harrison county, Ohio, then to Meigs Creek, and in 1896 took up his residence in Bellaire, where he has ever since conducted a constantly increasing practice.

In 1878, two years after his graduation, Dr. Hensley married Miss Anna Schmidt, and the three children born to the union are as follows: Maggie, now the wife of Dr. McCullough and the mother of four children, Virgie, Inez, Sterling and George; Mattie, who married James Fulton and bore him James, Anna, Mattie and George; and Hiram Austin, who married Mina Wilhelm Diffenbaugh, who became the mother of Dana, Anna and George.

Dr. Hensley is affiliated with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Tribe of Ben Hur, with each of which society he has a high standing. He is also a member of the Medical Societies of Ohio and of West Virginia, and takes the deepest interest in all of the latest discoveries in the medical world. The family are all engaged in church work and are widely respected in the community.

JAMES M. HENSLEY, an able physician of Bellaire, Ohio, belongs to a family of doctors, as his father was a follower of the medical profession and he has a brother, Dr. G. B. Hensley, who is now practicing at Bellaire. Although the Doctor is a general practitioner, his signal success in surgery and obstetrics might justify him in classing himself as a specialist in either one of those branches, and during the thirteen years that he has been in Bellaire, his professional brethren have come to regard him as an authority in all matters pertaining to these two fields of practice.

James M. Hensley was born on the 29th day of December, 1859, in Augusta county, Old Virginia, and his parents were James L. Hensley and Eliza (Stombauch) Hensley. The father's first impressions are in connection with the home farm where he was born, on the 24th of January, 1832. In addition to the work which is required of a boy thus reared he attended the schools of his district and early gave evidence of possessing a mind of unusual ability and one that demanded an education. On completion of his early literary training, which was afforded by the schools of his neighborhood, comprising only thirty-four days and completed by his studies at home by the fireplace, he had made up his mind that he would study theology with the intention of preparing himself to enter the profession, which he did at home. He took up the study of medicine after the close of the war, and was, therefore, matriculated at the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated as third in his class. Forthwith he began to practice medicine. His theological training was all carried on in the spare moments which he could snatch from his daily labors and was many times continued far into the night, but in the course of time he completed his theological studies and on the 18th of October, 1856, was ordained in the United Brethren church, and has continued both to preach the Gospel and to practice medicine. In 1861 Dr. Hensley was one of the first to volunteer for the Union cause and to assist with such power as he had to free the bodies of the negroes, even as he fought to reclaim the souls of those with whom he was brought in contact. He served under General Boyer's command, was on the staff of the Ninety-sixth West Virginia Infantry. At the close of the war Dr. Hensley retired to the life of a civilian, preached the Gospel and practiced medicine in Mason county. He also interested himself in all kinds of educational work and served on the board of education of that county. Later he moved to Ohio, locating at Marion, Marion county, and while he was living in that town was elected to the Seventy-second general assembly. The elder Dr. Hensley is widely known as one of the founders of the United Brethren Conference in West Virginia; yet, despite all the outside matters in which he was engaged, he found time to bring up his children to be useful men and women and to serve their fellow men with ability and honor. In 1876 he was elected to the Legislature from Mason county, West Virginia, the first Republican ever elected from that county. He was also admitted as an attorney to practice before pension boards and the treasury department of the United States.



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James M. Hensley remembers nothing of the troublous times during which he was born and passed in his early boyhood. He attended the public schools in New Haven, West Virginia, and, on completing his high school course, commenced his medical training. In 1891 he entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with his professional degree in 1892. During his entire course he stood second, both in operative surgery and in obstetrics, the two branches in which he has achieved such marked success. Immediately following his graduation Dr. Hensley took up his residence at Avon, West Virginia, afterwards conducted a successful practice at Alfred, Ohio, and in 1898 located at Bellaire, where he has since continued.

Dr. Hensley has been twice married, first in 1877, before he had commenced his medical training, to Miss Lorinda Douglas to whom were born Susan E., Michael, May F., Dessie M., Alfred and Cora E. Susan is married and the mother of two children; Michael married Miss Nellie Hiller, who has borne him two children; May F. is married to William Luke; Dessie became the wife of Claude Davis, to whom was born one son, Desmond, but the mother is now dead; Alfred is single, while Cora is married and has one child. Dr. Hensley's second marriage occurred August 28, 1905, when he led to the altar Ida (Strickland) Van Horn, the widow of William Van Horn and the mother of two children by this former marriage, the names of whom are as follows: Howard Hays Van Horn, who married Flora Rouch, and to whose union was born one child, Frank Charles, and Charles S. Van Horn, who married Amy Meter.

Although Dr. Hensley has a very large practice, he finds ample time to devote to the several lodges with which he is affiliated. He holds membership with the Masonic order, with the Maccabees, with the Eagles, the Moose and the Knights and Ladies of the Round Table. Mrs. Hensley takes the deepest interest in all of her husband's pursuits and is herself a member of two of the lodges to which he belongs, the Maccabees and the Knights and Ladies of the Round Table, and also holds membership with the Daughters of America. The family attends the Methodist Episcopal church, in which its members are most active workers. The genial manners of the Doctor, together with his professional standing, have drawn to him many friends who are welcomed by Dr. Hensley and his gracious wife to their hospitable roof. They have also extended their hospitality to the children, James H. and Julia E., of Mrs. Hensley's deceased sister and her husband, James H. and Julia E. Welch, and also a child by a former marriage of Mrs. Welch to Frank Whitney, Herbert Whitney. The Doctor is a member of the National Eclectic Medical Association, the Ohio State and West Virginia State Eclectic Association, and is also an honorary member of the Ohio County Medical Association of West Virginia.

HON. W. C. GRIMES.—It seems almost incredible that a man as young as Mr. Grimes should have accomplished as much as he has. The time has passed when youth is any handicap to a man, nor is old age any detriment; what the world demands is that a man shall "deliver the goods," and so long as he can do that, it has no fault to find with his age. Mr. Grimes, elected by his fellow citizens to a seat in the state legislature, representing the Second senatorial district, has shown the people in the community that he has ability of an unusual order; he has integrity of a still rarer kind and for this latter reason he has won the respect of his fellow citizens.

W. C. Grimes was born in Tyler county, West Virginia, December 5, 1876, and is the son of Jacob C. Grimes and Cora (Haines) Grimes. The father's birth occurred in Belmont county, Ohio, where he received his education in the public schools and, at the completion of his school course, came to West Virginia, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Grimes was a native of West Virginia, the daughter of Samuel Haines, a prominent West Virginia gentleman. Her father was a man of very fine physique, of a kindly disposition and proud, aristocratic demeanor, who up to the time of the breaking out of the Civil war, had always been a Democrat, but after the war, in company with many other southern gentlemen, changed his political status and became a staunch Republican. He was always deeply interested in politics and his interest was based on a thorough knowledge of his subject, as he took the keenest delight in keeping himself posted on all the important questions of the day, and he had a well-grounded opinion on every issue. At the beginning of the war Mr. Haines offered his services to the Union army, but on account of some physical deficiency was rejected. The family was represented, however in the person of his son, Thomas J., who enlisted in the Federal army and served almost the entire period. Towards the close of the war he was prostrated from the effects of exposure and hardships in the field and died before peace was declared. The wife of Samuel Haines was Susanna Cooper, and they were the parents of nine children, each of whom inherited some of the qualities of person and mind of both parents, and their daughter Cora was especially possessed of much grace of face and form, combined with a rare charm of manner, which have endeared her to all who have come within the immediate sphere of her gracious influence. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Grimes five children were born, the eldest of whom is W. C., the representative of the Second senatorial district; Samuel A. is one of the prominent educators of the day; John R. followed his father's occupation, that of a farmer; Agatha J. is the only daughter of the family, while James R. is its youngest member.

W. C. Grimes spent the early years of his life on his father's farm, where he imbibed principles of correct living, both physical and mental. He attended the schools in his district and while quite young showed signs of having inherited from his maternal grandfather an unusual talent for political affairs. After the completion of the curriculum prescribed in the public schools he entered Franklin college, where he pursued a classical course, during a part of one term and went thence to Ada, Ohio, and entered the Ohio Northern University, where he pursued both classical and law courses, graduating in the classes of 1900 and 1902. During his school and college life his ability as a speaker had made itself evident, also the faculty of being able to see both sides of a question, political or otherwise, and to argue equally well on either side, although he was always able to form his own opinion on the relative merits of the case, and because of his evident natural fitness, he decided to adopt the legal profession. He distinguished himself in college by both his brilliant and solid talents. Upon completion of his studies at the above mentioned institution, he took a special course in the law department of the University of West Virginia, and, thus thoroughly equipped, in 1904 settled at Cameron and forthwith began to practice law. His success was both swift and steady and he speedily had more work than he could handle. In 1907 the citizens of Cameron showed their appreciation of his signal abilities and substantial character by electing him to the office of mayor, and during his term of two years he performed the duties pertaining to that office in the most satisfactory manner. Upon the ter-

mination of his mayoralty he was elected on the Republican ticket to represent the Second senatorial district in the state legislature. In that body he served on the judicial committee during sessions, being also honored as a member of the committee on labor. His work on both of these committees was efficient and productive of good results, and if he had done nothing else during his term as representative, his committee work was sufficient justification of his election to office. Mr. Grimes is unmarried still, as his whole time and devotion seem to be given to his professional work. As he is yet a young man it is most probable that the list of the honors which have come to him will continue to be lengthened in the bright future before him.

CHARLES A. BOWERS.—One of the native sons of the city of Wheeling who has here attained to prominence and influence in connection with financial and other business interests is Mr. Bowers, who is the efficient and popular incumbent of the office of cashier of the South Side Bank of Wheeling. This institution, which has to its credit a record of most successful operations during a period of more than a score of years, was established in the eighth ward of the city at a point removed from the general business center of Wheeling, and its projectors showed a wisdom that at the time was greatly doubted by the majority of the business men of the city, who believed that the venture could not be made profitable in a location thus far distant from the center of other business activities. The marked success of the enterprise has effectually demonstrated the prescience and good judgment of the organizers of the South Side Bank, which is now one of the substantial financial institutions lending industrial and commercial prestige to the city.

In the early part of the year 1890 Robert M. Gilleland, H. F. Behrens, Sr., Charles Horstmann and a few other representative citizens conceived the idea of establishing a bank in the eighth ward of the city, and, as already intimated, the project was looked upon by many as being one of exceeding doubtful expediency, as is often the case when men have the initiative energy to prompt exploitation in new and untried fields of enterprise. Certain it is that the projectors of this bank had the "courage of their convictions," as the organization and incorporation of the South Side Bank was effected in the year noted and operations were instituted upon a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars. The stockholders of the new organization purchased the Westwood Hall property, and business was conducted in a small frame building until suitable quarters were equipped for the bank in the building thus purchased. The officers chosen at the time of incorporation were as here noted: Robert M. Gilleland, president, H. F. Behrens, Sr., vice-president; and Charles A. Bowers, cashier. The original directorate comprised, in addition to the president and vice-president, Frank J. Hearne, William H. Hearne, Charles Horstmann, Michael Loftus, Christian Kalbitzer, W. S. McCollough, and W. W. McConnell. Under careful and effective management the business of the institution grew slowly but consecutively, and it is to-day one of the staunch, popular and representative banking houses of the metropolis of West Virginia. Its capital stock remains at the original figure; its surplus fund is about fifty thousand dollars, and its deposits now aggregate fully eight hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Gilleland still retains the presidency, Charles Horstmann is now vice-president, and Mr. Bowers has been the cashier of the institution from the beginning of operations to the present time. As the active executive officer of the bank he has maintained a careful but progressive policy and his excellent administration has been a potent

force in the upbuilding of the large and substantial business controlled by the institution.

Charles A. Bowers was born and reared in the eighth ward of the city of Wheeling, and the date of his nativity was September 25, 1863. He is a son of George and Catherine (Walters) Bowers, the former a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and the latter of Zurich, Switzerland, and both now deceased. The father was an old-time Democrat and of the Lutheran faith. The mother was a Presbyterian.

To the public schools of his native city Charles A. Bowers is indebted for his early educational training, which was effectively supplemented by the study of higher mathematics and modern languages under the direction of private instructors. Virtually his entire business career has been one of intimate association with banking interests in his native city, where, at the age of twenty-three years, he assumed a clerical position in the National Bank of West Virginia, in which he was advanced through the various grades of promotion to the position of general book-keeper, of which he continued incumbent until the organization of the South Side Bank of Wheeling, when he was chosen cashier of the new institution, as has already been noted in this context. He is an independent Republican.

He married in the early part of 1897 Louise Rosenberg, and their two children are Helen W. and Charles A., Jr.

CHARLES C. NEWMAN is one of the leading attorneys of Moundsville, where he has successfully practiced law since 1887, and where he has the highest record for integrity; no one has been able to cast any aspersions on his character, either in his private life or his professional capacity. Since his first entry into the legal field he has set himself each day to perform those duties which he could see, leaving all else to determine itself later. This simple course of action has brought him more business than he can handle, but, what is worth far more, it has given him the contentment which comes with the knowledge of having done his best. His fellow citizens say of him that he is a man of the highest integrity.

Charles C. Newman was born at Glendale, Marshall county, West Virginia, June 20, 1865. His father, Lewis S., was likewise a native of the county, and in the family are embraced some of the earliest pioneers of West Virginia. The first of the name to come to that state was Alexander Newman, grandfather to Charles C. and father of Lewis S., who married as his second wife Elouisa Tomlinson, the mother of Lewis S. Newman. The Tomlinson family was one of the first to settle in Marshall county, hence Charles C. Newman can claim his inheritance from pioneer stock through both paternal and maternal ancestry. The father was educated in his native county and then took up the pursuit of agriculture, locating on a farm near Glendale; there he still lives, hale and hearty, and he has become a farmer of great repute and prosperity. As a young man he married Miss Clementine E. Picket, a native of Harrison county, Ohio, who had come to West Virginia with her parents when she was a young girl. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Newman consisted of nine children, seven of whom are living.

Charles C. Newman, the eldest of the family, received his preliminary education in Glendale, where he also early formed habits of industry through his life on his father's farm. He was educated in the schools of Glendale, Moundsville and Wheeling, and realized one of his long-cherished ambitions, when he entered the office of J. Alexander Ewing, the widely-known lawyer of Moundsville, under whose able tutelage he



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made rapid progress and was admitted to the bar on the 18th of June, 1887. He forthwith began to practice in Moundsville and speedily worked his way into the foremost rank of lawyers in that vicinity—not only able and successful but honorable, when measured by the highest code of the profession. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, Marshall Union No. 8, Consistory of West Virginia, Osirus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is state treasurer of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party.

In 1891 Mr. Newman was united in marriage to Miss Vera Hedges, and to them have been born Walter, Charles Albert and Dorothy. The domestic life of the family is another high tribute to the sterling character of husband and father, as well as to the noble womanly qualities of the wife and mother.

EDWARD S. DAVIS, M. D.—There is no better known figure in Cameron than that of Dr. Davis, who has endeared himself to his fellow citizens during his thirty-five years of practice in their midst. There is no physician in the town who has a higher standing among his professional brethren, his friends, his patients or the people at large than has Dr. Davis. Nor is he only known as a physician, but is connected with the commercial life of Cameron, in that he owns the largest hotel in town. Dr. Davis has become wealthy, as a proper reward of his years of faithful work.

Edward S. Davis is a native of Richmond, Virginia, where he was born November 10, 1846. He is the son of John F. Davis and Delight (Thomas) Davis, both of whom were born and spent practically the whole of their lives in Richmond. They were the parents of five stalwart sons, and at the time the Civil war broke out all five served in the army. Theirs had always been a most united family until the dissensions between the North and South began to crystallize, and then a division arose in the family. One of the boys, Wirt, had come to feel that slavery was a crime and should be abolished, and therefore he felt it incumbent on him to side with the Northerners, while his four brothers were just as much in earnest in support of the other side. This is only one instance of the time when father fought son, and brother fought brother, and each time we hear of such things the horrors seem brought home to us with renewed force. Each young man was conscientious in his actions, fighting only for that which he believed to be right, but what must have been the anguish of that mother who saw her boys ranged against each other, and the father who believed that one of his sons had disgraced the family and every right principle by siding with the Union army. Wirt served in many important battles and faced death many times in the Federal army, and as a result of his heroism and bravery he rose to the rank of major general. He was wounded several times—once through the right lung; at the battle of Selina, Alabama, was wounded in both legs and in that engagement he led the charge; and once in the right ankle, which latter proved the most painful of all his wounds. He was many times brought face to face with his four brothers, and his one desire was that his duty might not conflict with his love for his family; that there might be no bloodshed in the family. The war has long since ended, and with its close the breach between the North and the South has healed, and the estrangement between the members of families is a thing of the past. Three of the brothers who joined the Confederate army, H. Wythe, John R. and E. S. Davis, have become physicians, while B. T., the other brother, is a druggist. In their hearts is no

feeling of rancour towards the brother who only did what he believed to be right, even as they, his brothers, had done.

Edward S. Davis attended the schools of his neighborhood, where he gained a good, all around education; while he was still in school he felt torn of the desire to fight in the struggle between the North and South, but he was too young to be allowed to respond to the first call for volunteers, and it was only in the second year of the war that he enlisted. He joined the First Virginia Volunteer Infantry, Company B, which was an independent regiment under the command of General George Pickett, and Dr. Davis served in this regiment for three years, until peace was declared, having in the meantime been promoted to captain. At the battle of Malvern Hill he was wounded through the groin, the ball lodging in the spinal column. After his return home he found that the ravages of war had had a tremendous influence on the conditions of things in the South, even more than in the North, and it was necessary for him, in common with many other Southerners, to look at life in general from a different viewpoint. His parents, who had formerly been wealthy, were now comparatively poor, and he must make his own way in the world, without assistance from his family. He was, however, determined to succeed, and he entered a drug store, as the only attainable means of gaining his object—that of becoming a physician. He conscientiously performed the clerical duties that were required of him, but he managed to find time at odd moments, in the evenings and often far on into the night, to study medicine. He attended such lectures as were possible, and by dint of the closest application and hard work, backed by his indomitable perseverance, in 1874 he was admitted on examination to the profession, with liberty to practice. Not caring to practice in Richmond, he moved to Huntington, West Virginia, where he practiced for two years. He was successful, but he was not satisfied with the location, and casting his eyes over the field he considered that Cameron offered the most promise of ultimate success. He lost no time in taking up his residence in this new location, and at once commenced to practice. His success was prompt and steady, and if justification of his choice of Cameron were needed the present standing of the Doctor would be sufficient proof that he made a wise move when he came here.

On October 12, 1904, Dr. Davis was married to Miss Minnie L. Bishop, of Woodfield, Ohio, to which union were born Edward S., Junior, Wythe and Wirt (twins, the latter of whom is named after that brother against whom the Doctor had been forced to stand in the exactions of war) and Gerald.

Doctor Davis is affiliated with the Masonic fraternal order, his direct membership being with the Cameron Lodge, No. 17, Free and Accepted Masons, and he also is a member of the Cameron Eagles, No. 1014, in which society he is the medical examiner. As intimated above, Dr. Davis is the proprietor of the Creed Hotel, a building fifty-five by two hundred feet, three stories high; this is not only the largest hotel in Cameron, but it is the most widely patronized. Dr. Davis owns the palatial residence in which he lives, and he also owns large coal lands. During the years which have ensued since the war great changes have been wrought in the Davis family, and in particular in the life of Dr. Davis. He has not only gained wealth as the result of his own skill and industry, but he has become respected from one end of the county to the other, for it is generally understood that the money he has accumulated has not been extorted from the poor, but has been the pay for honest service from those who could afford to pay. His acts of kind-



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ness to the poor have been many, but withal so unostentatiously performed that only those whom he helped have known anything about his generous assistance.

B. F. FISHER was for many years one of the most prominent figures in the manufacturing industries of Wheeling. In his death, which occurred January 13, 1892, the city lost a citizen of great enterprise and sterling character, one who had made his way to success by industry and natural talent for the work to which he devoted his lifetime. His career, which contributed to the progress of Wheeling, deserves a permanent record in the annals of the city.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For a few years of his boyhood he attended the public schools of his native city, and then at the age of sixteen came to Wheeling, where he also attended school for awhile. His first business experience, which was destined to shape his future career, was in the nail works of the old Norton family of this city. He displayed ability from the start, and eventually he was the chief factor in building up these works to one of Wheeling's large manufacturing plants. The factory was originally located on the present site of the Baltimore & Ohio depot, and on the sale of the property to the railroad company the plant was moved to the present location of the steel works. In former years the nail works on that site was an extensive industry, resulting largely from Mr. Fisher's enterprise. The business was later established in two branches, one at Ironton, Ohio, and one at Ashland, with the main offices at Wheeling. For ten years preceding his death Mr. Fisher was president of the business. The Iron Foundry Company of Wheeling, still an important industry was an enterprise to which he devoted much of his time in later years, and its success is largely due to him.

While he was probably best known as a manufacturer, and was closely identified with his business throughout his life, Mr. Fisher was also a public-spirited citizen and often entered actively into the social and civic life of his community. He was an esteemed Mason and Odd Fellow, and for many years was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Wheeling.

Mrs. Fisher, who with three children survive him, was, before her marriage, Miss Emma Cunningham, daughter of William and M. (Mandeville) Cunningham, of Maryland. Of their marriage seven children were born: Charles N., deceased; Clara, wife of Daniel List and mother of three children, Emily, Clarence and Stewart; Frederick, deceased; George, deceased; Mary, deceased; Nancy and Gertrude. The family residence is at 91 Fourteenth street.

MOUNT DE CHANTAL ACADEMY.—Of the varied educational institutions maintained in West Virginia under the benignant auspices of the Catholic church, none is more worthy of consideration and none has been more steadfast in noble work than Mount de Chantal Academy, maintained under the direction of the order known as the Sisters of the Visitation. This order had its first house at Annecy, France, where it thus found habitation in 1610, but it was not until 1618 that it was erected into a monastery, with strict enclosure and solemn vows. The establishment of the Order of the Visitation is due to St. Francis de Sales, bishop of Geneva, and it is but consistent to give in this necessarily brief sketch the following excerpt, since the same offers explanation of the title of the noble institution whose name initiates this paragraph: "In 1603 the bishop, on a visit to Dijon, met Madame de Chantal, a woman whose clearness of intellect, strength of will and greatness of soul marked her

as the fitting instrument of great designs. It was hardly to be supposed that a woman of such strength and resolution would have been the founder of an order whose characteristics are pre-eminently mildness and gentleness, nor was such her original intention. Her first attraction was to Carmel,—she loved the perfect seclusion, the austere rule and the perpetual contemplation; but such was not the life to which she was called. Brought in contact with a mind the true complement of her own, her force and energy were controlled by the sweetness and mildness of the most amiable of men. Together they instituted the new order, and together they drew around them hosts of devout souls, amiable yet strong, magnanimous yet humble, simple and serene; scarcely bound to earth, yet already of heaven in the ardor of their aspirations. They had formed a new type of religious life hitherto unknown,—calm, simple, frugal; a life like a placid stream, and withal uniting poverty with extreme neatness.”

The oldest cloisters of the Order of the Visitation in America are at Georgetown, D. C. The earliest foundation was at Baltimore and from it in turn was established Mount de Chantal, near Wheeling, West Virginia. From a sketch of the institution published in the *Catholic World* a number of years ago are gleaned the data presented in the following paragraphs, in which but a slight paraphrase is indulged.

This monastery was established by the Right Rev. R. V. Whelan, then bishop of Richmond. In those days all the country comprising western Virginia and Pennsylvania was sparsely settled and Catholics were “few and far between.” The tide of immigration seemed to circle around instead of coming into it. Some settlements were made along the Ohio, and Wheeling was for a time a trading post. She even boasted of a fort, whose site, in the center of the city, was still to be recognized a few years since, and around whose memory lingered many tales of thrilling incident and blood-curdling adventure. But from Cumberland to the Ohio the impenetrable forests of the Alleghenies, and the steep and valleys of the Cheat river slumbered in almost unbroken solitude.

Bishop Whelan found his diocese an aggregation of “magnificent distances;” and after spending a few years in the east he removed his residence to its western limit, and finally the diocese was divided. As soon as possible after his removal Bishop Whelan applied for and obtained from Baltimore a foundation of Visitation nuns, who were at first domiciled in Wheeling, but who eventually removed to the present location, about two miles distant from the city.

From the prospectus of the Academy of the Visitation, or Mount de Chantal Academy, for 1910-11 are obtained the following pertinent and interesting statements: “The school now so widely known as Mount de Chantal was founded in the year 1848, by the Rt. Rev. R. V. Whelan, bishop of Wheeling, and a few years later incorporated under the title of Wheeling Female Academy, in charge of the Sisters of the Visitation, B. V. M. In consequence of the constant and rapid increase of pupils it became necessary to provide more spacious buildings and playgrounds. To secure this object the academy was, in 1865, removed two miles beyond the city’s smoke and din, to its present commanding site, which for beauty and healthfulness can scarcely be surpassed.

“Mount de Chantal is founded for the education of Christian women. The aim of the Sisters is to surround the children committed to their care with the quiet influences of a Christian home; to strengthen their bodies by regular hours, regular exercise and wholesome food; to adorn their minds with all the culture of our day, and their manners with the graces of the holy women of old; above all, to impress their hearts and



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consciences with the truths of Christianity. The terms are low, because the purpose of the school is not to put money into the hands of an individual or corporation. The desire of the Sisters is to place within the reach of all, away from the frivolity and distraction of a city, a training which, while cultivating the mind to its utmost extent, will not ignore the soul."

Concerning the splendid advantages and manifold attractions of this stately and beautiful church school adequate information is given in the literature issued by the institution, and to secure such information application may be made by letters addressed to the directress of the academy.

LLOYD CHENOWETH is the superintendent of the selecting department of the Fostoria Glass Company, a most important position, since the reputation and standing of the company depends on the faithfulness with which he discharges his office, the duties of which consist in the selection of the perfect pieces and the rejection of the imperfect.

Mr. Chenoweth is a native of West Virginia, where his birth occurred on the 21st day of January, 1862. His parents were D. B. and Fanny Chenoweth, and to their union one child was born. Mrs. Chenoweth died in the year 1866. Mr. Chenoweth, Sr., when a young man engaged in farming in Kansas. His son, Lloyd, was reared on his father's farm until he was twelve years of age and was brought up by his father after the death of the mother, which occurred when the lad was but four years old. He attended the common schools until he had attained his twelfth year, at which time he left the home and farm life and commenced his career in the glass industry, in 1875. During the thirty-five years which have elapsed since he entered the glass business he has become an expert in the various branches of the work, and knows good work and perfect glass at a glance. It is this ability to judge of the workmanship of an article that has made him so valuable to the Fostoria Glass Company, during the twenty-two years of his connection with that concern. He employs none but careful men, and any carelessness or lack of vigilance on the part of one of his thirty-six subordinates receives no consideration on the part of Mr. Chenoweth, since he himself is responsible for the quality of the work which is turned out of the factory. Each piece is examined with the greatest care and those in which there are flaws must be marked as "seconds."

On December 19, 1889, Mr. Chenoweth married Miss Ida Martin, a native of West Virginia, and to this union one son, John M., was born. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth are consistent members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Moundsville, she active in the work of the women of the church, and he a member of the official board.

JOHN J. CONIFF was born at Newburg, Preston county, West Virginia, a son of Peter and Susan Coniff. He began his education at the Rowlesburg public schools, the family having moved to that town during his childhood. In 1886 he graduated from Rock Hill College at Ellicott City, Maryland, and then entered the Georgetown Law School, where he prepared for the bar and completed his course in 1889. He afterwards studied during the summer under Professor Minor at the University of Virginia.

In 1889 Mr. Coniff located in Wheeling and began practice in association with Hon. B. B. Dovenor. The firm of Dovenor & Coniff continued until 1903, and since that time Mr. Coniff has practiced alone.

He was married in 1894 to Miss Charlotte Waterhouse, a daughter of John Waterhouse of Wheeling.

GEORGE K. WHEAT has been an important factor in the industrial and civic development and upbuilding of the city of Wheeling, and he is recognized as one of the thoroughly representative citizens of his native state and of the city that has been his home from his boyhood days to the present time. His capitalistic and business interests in the West Virginia metropolis are of wide scope and varied order, and his splendid energies have been directed along those normal channels through the medium of which social and material progress and stability are assured. As a manufacturer, banker and public-spirited citizen and as a man whose character is the positive expression of a strong and loyal nature, he commands the unqualified confidence and esteem of the community in which he has so long lived and labored to goodly ends, and none is more essentially entitled to representation in this history of Greater Wheeling and vicinity. In addition to the considerations already noted, he is a scion of a family, of staunch English lineage, that was founded in Virginia in the early part of the eighteenth century and one whose name has been for many years identified with the history of that part of the Old Dominion that now constitutes the sovereign commonwealth of West Virginia.

George K. Wheat was born at Berkeley Springs, the present judicial center of Morgan county, West Virginia, on the 25th of January, 1825, and thus he is now one of the most venerable, as is he also one of the most honored, business men of his home city. The place of his birth was at the time of his nativity still in the state of Virginia and in the county at that time designated as Berkeley. He is a son of James M. and Martha (Brewer) Wheat, the former of whom was born in Alexandria, Virginia, in the year 1800, and the latter of whom was born in what is now Morgan county, West Virginia. The Wheat family early became one of prominence in the social and business activities of Alexandria county, Virginia, where representatives of the same were leading merchants in the city of Alexandria, which was then a village but a place of much comparative prominence. James M. Wheat was reared to maturity in his native town and received excellent educational advantages, as gauged by the standards of the locality and period. He removed as a young man to Berkeley county (now Morgan county, West Virginia), where was solemnized his marriage to Miss Martha Brewer, and in 1832, with an old-style, square Jersey wagon, he removed with his family to Wheeling, the primitive vehicle which thus afforded transportation having been drawn by a single horse. He became one of the pioneer manufacturers of Wheeling, which was then a mere village, as he here engaged in the manufacturing of window glass, as one of the first to become concerned with this line of industrial enterprise in this section of the state. It is worthy of mention that his son George K., who was about seven years of age at the time of the family removal to Wheeling, worked in this pioneer glass factory when a boy. James M. Wheat was a man of marked energy and resourcefulness and became one of the most influential citizens of Wheeling, where both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, their names meriting enduring place on the roll of the sterling pioneers of this city. They became the parents of nine children, whose names are here entered in respective order of birth; Joseph Edward, George K., Eliza Salina, Hanson Bradley, Jessie S., Mary Virginia, Adaline Lambert, James Muliken, and Lydia Hart. Of the number one son and two daughters are now living. The parents were zealous members of the Methodist church and in politics the father was a stalwart advocate of the principles of the Whig party. He was a man of strong individuality

and invulnerable integrity and was well equipped for leadership in thought and action.

In July, 1832, when seven years of age, George K. Wheat accompanied his parents on their overland journey from Berkeley Springs to their new home in Wheeling, and here he has maintained his residence during the long intervening years, which have been marked by large and worthy accomplishment on his part. He was afforded the advantages of the schools of the embryo metropolis, where he attended the Lancasterian Academy, presided over by Professor McBurney and utilizing quarters on the ground floor of the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church. He also pursued his studies for some time in the school conducted by Professors Reuter and Smith, at the corner of Fourteenth and Chapline streets. His father finally established a tannery, in the Richie district, and he was identified with the operation of the same in his youth. Thereafter he followed various pursuits until 1844, when he entered the employ of J. & T. Hornbrook, dealers in notions, with which firm he remained about four years. His salary for the first year was fifty dollars, and he was gradually given higher compensation, with the result that in the fourth year of his service he received five hundred dollars, which was considered at that time a very liberal salary. In 1849 the original firm was dissolved and Mr. Wheat and A. C. Chapline purchased the stock of goods and assumed control of the well established business, in which they continued to be associated until the death of Mr. Chapline, in 1855. Mr. Wheat then purchased the interest of his former partner, together with those held by other persons, and he built up one of the most important and substantial mercantile enterprises in the city, continuing active operations, with such changes as time and conditions rendered expedient, until January 1, 1889, when he retired, after a continuous conducting of the business for a period of forty years. He was one of the oldest merchants in the city at the time of his retirement, and upon the entire history of his career as a citizen and business man there rests no shadow of wrong or injustice, as is evident from the commanding position he holds in the confidence and esteem of the community that has so long represented his home and been the stage of his productive activities. While engaged in merchandising he made several trips down the river to Louisville, transporting merchandise and produce, and he also made two such trips to Cincinnati. In 1852, on the occasion of transporting to Louisville his first flatboat of merchandise, he brought the primitive boat back to Wheeling, instead of disposing of the same, as was the usual custom after the voyage down the river. This he was able to accomplish by the payment of seventy-five dollars to the captain of the steamer "Lake Erie," which towed the flatboat back to Wheeling and which incidentally brought in a cargo of five thousand bushels of coal. This was the first time a flatboat was towed back by steam power.

Mr. Wheat early showed distinctive initiative energy and constructive ability, and his progressive ideas had much to do with furthering the industrial and commercial precedence of Wheeling in the early days. It was primarily due to his efforts that the first potteries were here established, and this line of enterprise is now one of the most important in the city's industrial sphere. He had become interested in a pottery at East Liverpool, Ohio, and this led him to effect, in 1879, the organization of the Wheeling Pottery Company, the success of whose operations resulted in the establishing of many other similar enterprises in Wheeling. The Wheeling Pottery Company still remains one of the foremost enterprises, and another is the Warwick China Company, in each of which

Mr. Wheat was a stockholder. That his enterprising spirit has found further exemplification is indicated by the fact that he was also a stockholder in the Benwood Iron Company; the Wheeling Iron & Nail Company, of which he was a director; the Belmont Iron Works; and Wheeling Steel Company, of which he is also a director. The three latter consolidated forming the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company.

Mr. Wheat has ever been ready to lend his influence and capitalistic support to legitimate enterprises tending to advance the best interests of his home city and state, and no citizen has shown more loyalty and progressiveness. He was the organizer of the Wheeling Deposit Bank, of which he was president until 1864, when it was merged into the First National Bank of Wheeling, of which he was the first president,—an office of which he continued the incumbent until 1850. He now has in his possession a ten-dollar bank note that was issued by the First National Bank in 1864 and which bears his signature, as president. This note continued in circulation until it was presented to him by a friend who appreciated the fact that he would value the bill as a souvenir. Mr. Wheat was the founder and one of the principal stockholders of the Wheeling Fire & Marine Insurance Company, the Franklin Insurance Company, and the National Insurance Company. He was one of the capitalists who sunk the first oil well on the National road. He is president of the Suburban Brick Company, which was incorporated on the 29th of December, 1898, and the others interested in the organization were George O. Robinson, Charles H. Carpenter and Edward B. Bowie. Mr. Wheat's son, Albert A., has since acquired the interest of Mr. Robinson and is treasurer of the company, of which George J. Rogers is secretary. This corporation owns five brick plants of the best modern equipment, and in one of these Mr. Wheat was largely interested prior to the incorporation of the present company, whose offices are in the Schmulbach building in Wheeling. The plants are located at Mount de Chantal, Martin's Ferry, Bellaire, Ohio, Moundsville and Georgetown, and employment is given to a force averaging from two hundred to three hundred men, while the annual capacity of the combined plants is for the output of thirty million bricks. Mr. Wheat is politically a Republican.

On the 6th of June, 1855, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wheat to Miss Fannie J. Doane, who died August 8, 1906. She was born and reared at Portsmouth, Ohio, and was a daughter of the late A. S. Doane. Mr. Wheat has a most attractive home, at 909 Main street, and the building was originally erected for the use of the Northwestern Bank. It was transformed into a residence in February, 1868, by Mr. Wheat and it is one of the most gracious centers of hospitality in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Wheat had seven children, namely: Henry Lawson, Kate Doane, George K., Jr., Albert Allan, Archie Laurance, Frank Renick and Fannie Josephine. Henry L. resides in Wheeling. He married Lottie B. Hervey. Kate is the widow of Oscar Rommelsberg, and resides in New York city. Archie Laurance is a resident of New York city, and is engaged in the theatrical profession. He married Anice Harris. George K., Jr., died. Frank Renick is a resident of Detroit, Michigan. Fannie Josephine is the wife of R. S. Dillon, a jeweler of Wheeling.

George K. Wheat, while being one of the most active men of Wheeling in promoting and establishing new enterprises, has all of his investments confined to Wheeling.

ALBERT ALLAN WHEAT.—Prominently identified with industrial enterprises that have important bearing upon the commercial precedence

of the metropolis of West Virginia, and imbued with that enterprising spirit which has been so potent in the upbuilding of the Greater Wheeling, Mr. Wheat claims this as his native city and is a scion, in the third generation, of a family whose name has been identified with the annals of this section of the state for virtually eighty years. On other pages of this volume appears a review of the career of Mr. Wheat's father, George K. Wheat, long one of the prominent business men of Wheeling, and thus a repetition of the data is not demanded in the present connection. He whose name initiates this review is treasurer of the Suburban Brick Company, of which his father is president, and he is also vice-president of the Wheeling Sanitary Manufacturing Company, and treasurer of the Gee Electric Company.

Albert Allan Wheat was born in Wheeling, on the 25th of May, 1868, and was here reared to adult age. After duly availing himself of the advantages of the city schools he continued his studies for some time in a well ordered institution of higher learning in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Cheltenham Military Academy. After his school days were over Mr. Wheat gained his initial business experience in connection with enterprises in his native city, and in 1890 he here engaged in the retail jewelry business, to which he continued to devote his attention until 1898, in company with C. N. Hancher, and in 1906 he and Mr. Hancher bought out the L. G. Dillon Company, jewelers, the business being conducted under the firm name of Charles N. Hancher. Since that time he has been concerned with enterprises of broader scope and importance and has attained to definite precedence as one of the alert and progressive business men of Wheeling, where his principal industrial interests have already been noted in this context.

Mr. Wheat has had no desire to enter the arena of practical politics but gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and as a citizen he is essentially loyal and public-spirited. He is affiliated with the local bodies of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, and holds membership in the Fort Henry Club and the Wheeling Country Club, two of the leading social organizations of his native city, in whose social activities he and his wife are most popular factors.

On the 15th of October, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wheat to Miss Marie J. Haase, who was born and reared in Danville, Virginia, and who is a daughter of T. H. B. Haase, now a resident of Princeton, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Wheat have two children,—Robert Warren and George K. III.

JOSEPH MAHOOD has for many years been prominently identified with his home city of Benwood and is a successful public spirited citizen whose services have gained him honor among all his associates. In the government and improvement of Benwood none have been more actively concerned. The city elected him to the office of mayor in 1887, and he remained in that office continuously until 1894. In 1898 he was chosen to the city council, and for several years was street commissioner. From 1906 to 1910 he was again mayor. Much of Benwood's municipal history has been written during his administrations, and he has always been devoted to its welfare.

Mr. Mahood was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1853. His parents, James and Ellen Mahood, came from their native Ireland to the United States in 1852, and in 1854 took up their permanent residence in Wheeling. In the latter city Mr. Mahood received his early educational advantages, and at an early age began life on his own account. For two years he served as prison guard in the Moundsville

prison, but his principal business has been in connection with the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company. Since 1900 he has been storekeeper for that corporation. Fraternally Mr. Mahood is affiliated with the orders of K. of P., F. O. E. and N. U.

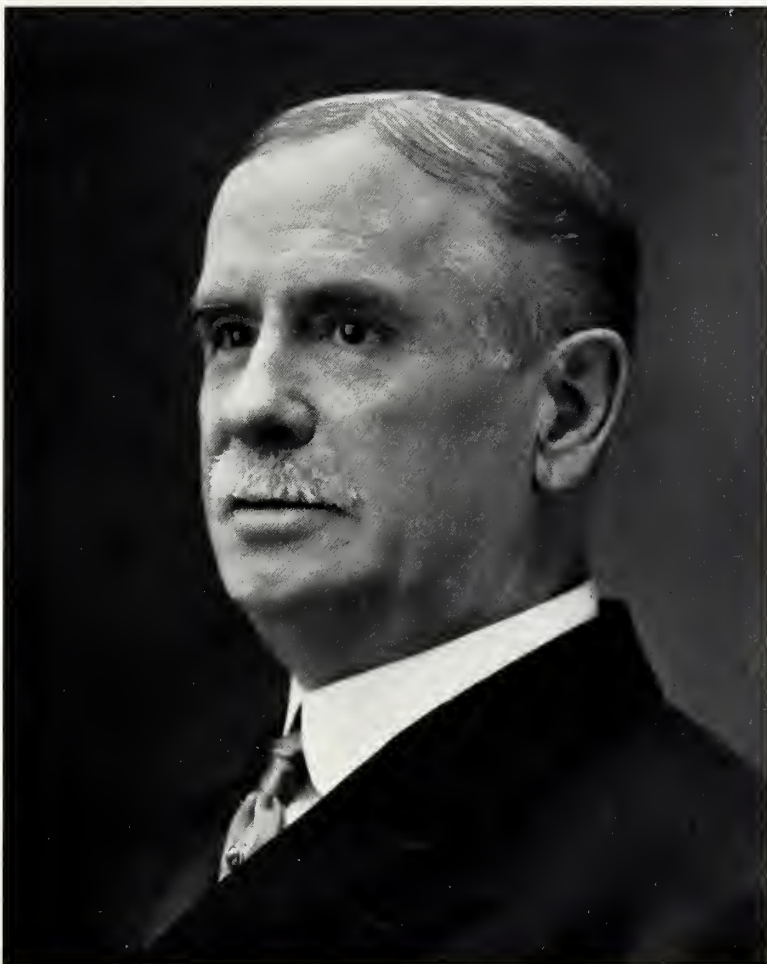
It is a matter for proper pride that he has reared a large family of sons and daughters who have taken worthy places in their respective homes and communities. He was happily married in 1876, to Miss Sarah J. Bell, and they are the parents of eleven children, namely: Rev. James R., a minister of the Methodist church; Alveta; Sarah J.; Joseph H.; Amos F.; Nellie; George; Elizabeth; Evert; Susan; Esther.

BENJAMIN STANTON ALLISON was born at Bellefontaine, Ohio, on December 18, 1854, and was the son of Charles William Brandon and Mary Stanton Allison. His paternal grandfather, William Allison, was born at Ramelton, Ireland, in 1777, and when a young man was an adherent of the cause for which his friend, Robert Emmet, was executed, so that in 1797 he fled to the United States and thereafter resided in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. This Irish patriot served as a major in the war of 1812, and at his death, in 1825, left two sons. One of these, Thomas Allison, was a United States paymaster during the Civil war, and died at his home in Trenton, New Jersey, in 1870, leaving seven daughters. The other son was the said C. W. B. Allison, who was a lawyer and was colonel of the Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. He had three daughters and only one son. One of the daughters, Julia, who was the wife of Major O. J. Hopkins, died at her home in Toledo, Ohio, in 1907. Another of the daughters, Miss Kate Allison, still resides in Wheeling, and the third, Annie Bancroft, died when a child.

The maternal grandfather of Mr. B. S. Allison was the Hon. Benjamin Stanton, who was born near Mount Pleasant, Ohio, in 1810. He was descended from a long line of Quaker ancestors, and was of the same branch of the Stanton family as the Hon. E. M. Stanton, was secretary of war under President Lincoln, and he had a similar rugged and sterling character. He was a member of congress from the district in which Bellefontaine, Ohio, is located, from 1850 to 1860 (except for one term), and was lieutenant-governor of Ohio during the Civil war. He and his son-in-law, C. W. B. Allison, were law partners under the firm name of Stanton & Allison at Bellefontaine from 1851 to 1866, and thereafter at Wheeling, West Virginia, where he died in 1872. The "West Virginia Reports" show that Stanton & Allison were employed in more cases in the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia from 1866 to 1872 than any other attorneys, and they also had considerable practice in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Benjamin Stanton Allison attended the public schools until 1870, when he became a student in Linsly Institute for one year, and then began a collegiate course at the University of Wooster at Wooster, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1876, with the degree Ph. B. Shortly thereafter he began studying law with his father, and after the death of his father, in December, 1876, continued his law studies with Mr. William Erskine until in 1877, when he entered the Albany Law School.

Immediately after his graduation at Albany, in May, 1878, he formed a partnership with Mr. William Erskine, under the firm name of Erskine & Allison, and that firm has continued in the active practice of the law at Wheeling ever since. They have been engaged in much of the important civil litigation that has been before the courts at Wheeling and in the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia and



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in the federal courts, but have steadily refused to accept criminal business. They have not sought office and have devoted their efforts principally to their profession, but have always taken an interest in public affairs and been urgent for good government. Each of them has been for many years attorney for charitable institutions, and has always given his legal services to such institutions without charge.

Mr. Allison united with the First Presbyterian church of Wheeling in 1872, and was one of the board of trustees of that church for many years, until in 1908 he transferred his membership to Vance Memorial church. While in college he became a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and has for a number of years been a member of the Royal Arcanum. In politics he was always an earnest Republican. He has for years been a member of the board of directors of the Children's Home of the city of Wheeling, and also a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is on the boards of directors of other charitable and business corporations.

On June 1, 1893, he married Miss Anna Gertrude Tice in the same house in which she was born at Mt. Auburn in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Tice. Her father was a queensware merchant in Cincinnati for many years—during the Civil war was a member of the firm of Huntington & Tice, and later of Tice & Huntington, and still later was vice-president of the West & Tice Company, from which he retired in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Tice now make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison have two children, namely: Miss Marguerite Allison, who was born in 1895, and is now a student at Science Hill School in Shelbyville, Kentucky; and Master Stanton Tice Allison, who was born in 1897 and is attending Kiskiminetas Springs School at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania.

From boyhood Mr. Allison's home was in the city of Wheeling until in 1907, when he built his present home in Woodlawn, two miles east of Wheeling.

ELMER HENRY MEAGLE, a prominent young business man, the active manager of several well known corporations, was born in Wheeling, December 22, 1885. His father is Edward Henry Meagle and his mother, Augusta Ebeling.

As a boy he attended the public schools of Wheeling and later the Elliott Business College. His entrance into active business was followed by rapid promotion to important and varied responsibilities. Mr. Meagle is now secretary and general manager of the Central Ice & Storage Company; the Wheeling Butchers' Association, in the hide, tallow and fertilizer business; the Loveland Improvement Company, real estate; and the Loveland Light & Water Company.

Mr. Meagle is active in Masonry, being a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Wheeling Commandery, No. 1, K. T., and of the Osiris Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

He married Miss Margaret Stanton, a daughter of Peter and Margaret Stanton, of Wheeling, her father being assistant superintendent of the City & Elm Grove Railroad. They have two children: Estelle Marie and Howard Wilson Meagle.

A. L. HENDRICKS, manufacturer of stogies in Moundsville, West Virginia, is a well-known figure in the city. He makes what is known on the market as the "Little Havana," a good smoker and a well-made article. He is admirably qualified by training and experience to turn

out goods which the public appreciate and his products find a ready market and quick sale.

A native of West Virginia, Mr. Hendricks was born in the city where he now resides and carries on his flourishing business, and has remained in Moundsville all his life, ever since his initial entry, April 24, 1880. His father, John C. Hendricks, is also a lifelong resident of Moundsville, born here in 1848, educated in its public schools and during the first few years of his adult life he followed the coopering trade. For a period of twenty-five years, however, he has manufactured stogies. He has ever been regarded by his fellow citizens as a man of sterling qualities and of progressive temperament, and in recognition of his enterprising spirit he was elected to serve on the council of Moundsville. During the two years of his term as councilman he did active work in the interests of the city. His wife, Amelia Martin in her maiden days, is a native of Wheeling, West Virginia, where she was born in 1851 and was brought up and educated in the city of Wheeling. In 1869 she was married to Mr. Hendricks at Triadelphia and in course of time she became the mother of six children: Emma D., John W., Lilly M. (deceased), Alva L., Mary V. and Walter B.

Jacob Hendricks, grandfather of Alva L. and father of John C. Hendricks, hailed from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was an early settler in West Virginia, where he engaged in carpentering. He married Lydia, daughter of Christian Gotts, of Fish Creek, and of their family of four children only John C. and his sister, Mrs. Mary J. Gates, are living.

Alva L. Hendricks, the fourth child of the family in order of birth, received his educational discipline in the Moundsville public schools and on completion of his school life followed in his father's footsteps as a manufacturer of stogies. When he commenced his business career his father's reputation served as an introduction, but a man cannot live long on his father's exploits, no matter how excellent they may have been. A business man must stand or fall on his own merits, and during the eighteen years that Mr. Hendricks has been identified with the cigar industry he has "made good"; he has shown the public that he can turn out a first class article and can handle a high grade of trade. He is a single man, centering his interests in his business and in the fraternal orders with which he is connected—the Knights of Pythias and the order of Eagles. He has not shown any desire for public office or political honors, although he is always interested in matters of public interest, and in particular is he desirous of promoting the welfare of Moundsville.

BENJAMIN S. BAER.—One of the well ordered and substantial concerns that are lending commercial precedence to the city of Wheeling is the Baer Grocer Company, which here conducts a large and prosperous wholesale grocery business. The well equipped establishment of the company is thoroughly metropolitan in its facilities and the high reputation of the house attests the excellence of its service and the reliability and sterling character of its interested principals. Benjamin S. Baer, who is president of this company, is recognized as one of the progressive business men of his native city and he has shown his liberality and loyalty by supporting those legitimate measures and enterprises which have conserved the upbuilding of the "Greater Wheeling."

Benjamin S. Baer was born in Wheeling on the 2d of May, 1868, and is a son of Henry and Henrietta (Horkheimer) Baer, who were long residents of this city, where the father was a prominent factor in business affairs and where he held unqualified popular confidence and

esteem. He passed the closing years of his life at 1122 Chapline street, secure in the high regard of all who knew him. Benjamin S. has been concerned with productive business activities in Wheeling from his youth to the present time. He is now one of the essentially representative business men of the West Virginia metropolis, and here his staunch vantage ground in popular esteem offers the most effective voucher for his sterling attributes of character. He has been liberal in support of normal enterprises tending to advance the material and civic progress and prosperity of his home city and has been most influential in the upbuilding of the fine commercial business of which he is the executive head. He and his wife are active and valued members of the Jewish temple on Eoff street, and their attractive home, at Virginia avenue and Front street, is known as a center of generous and gracious hospitality.

On the 20th of March, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Baer to Miss Sara Horkheimer, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of Henry Horkheimer, a representative business man of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Baer have no children.

JOSEPH H. BAER.—The Baer Grocer Company represents one of the important commercial enterprises of the West Virginia metropolis and its success and prestige are the direct result of good management, progressive policies and fair and honorable dealings. Its business has become one of wide scope and thus it has proved a valuable contribution to the commercial stability and prestige of Wheeling. Joseph H. Baer is secretary and treasurer of this company, which was incorporated under the present title in 1901 and which bases its operations upon a capital stock of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Its facilities are such as to commend it to its large and ever increasing patronage and its business extends throughout the wide territory normally tributary to Wheeling as a distributing center.

Joseph H. Baer, a business man of liberal and progressive attitude and marked civic loyalty, was born in the city of Zanesville, Ohio, on the 28th of April, 1870, and is a son of Henry and Henrietta (Horkheimer) Baer, who removed to that place from Wheeling, in which latter city the father had been a leading business man for a number of years. Joseph H. Baer was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native city and early initiated his experience in connection with business activities. He has maintained his home in Wheeling since 1884 and has been closely associated with his elder brother, Benjamin S., in the upbuilding of the fine commercial enterprise conducted under the title of the Baer Grocer Company. He is signally loyal to and appreciative of the city in which he maintains his home and has unbounded faith in its continuous growth and progress along both commercial and industrial lines, the while he is ever ready to lend his influence in support of measures projected for the general good of the community. He has never been imbued with desire for public office but is loyal to all civic duties and responsibilities and is aligned as a supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor. He is popular in both business and social circles and his pleasant home is located at 410 North Front street, in one of the most attractive residence sections of the city.

In the year 1900 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Baer to Miss Flora Kraus, who was born and reared in Wheeling and whose father, Charles Kraus, was a representative business man of Wheeling. Mr. and Mrs. Baer have a fine little son, Charles Henry, who was born on the 17th of June, 1901.

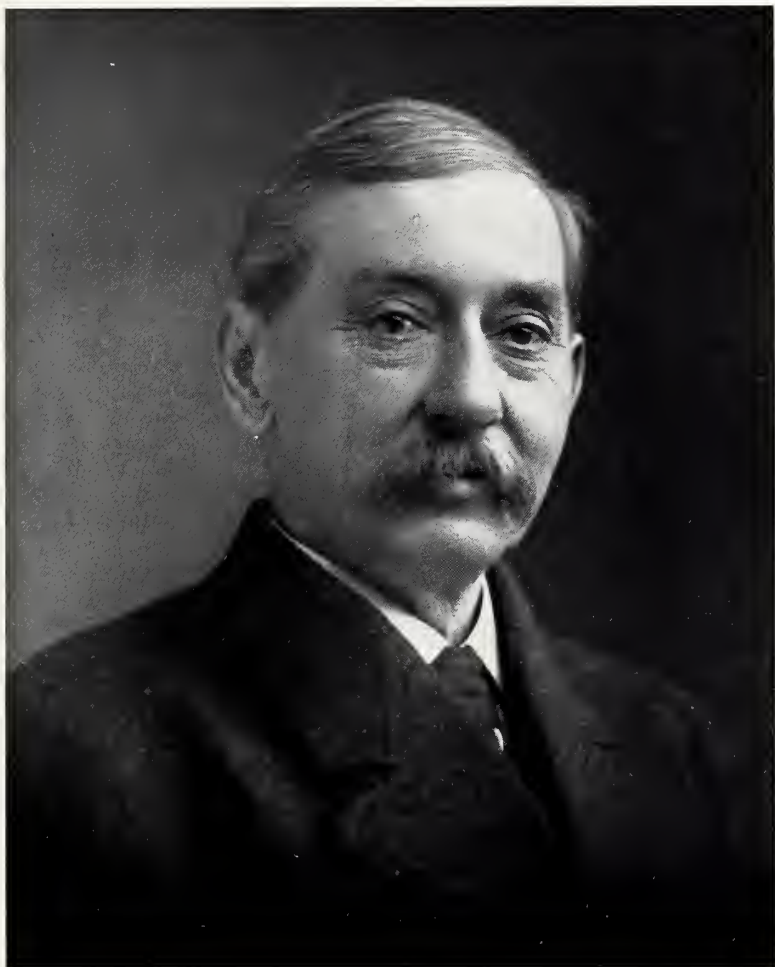
HERBERT O. BAER.—The youngest of three brothers who are prominently identified with business interests in the city of Wheeling, Herbert O. Baer is here proprietor of Baer's Pharmacy, which is eligibly located at Twelfth and Chapline streets and which is one of the leading retail drug stores of the city, with appointments and equipment of thoroughly metropolitan order. Mr. Baer established this enterprise in 1905 and he has built up a substantial and representative trade, owing alike to the effective service accorded and to his personal popularity in the community. Mr. Baer claims the old Buckeye state as the place of his nativity but is a representative of a family whose name is well known in Wheeling, where his father, Henry Baer, was engaged in business for a number of years and where Benjamin S. and Joseph H. Baer, elder brothers of the subject of this review, are now the interested principals in the Baer Grocery Company. Concerning them specific mention is made on other pages of this publication, with incidental reference to the parents, so that such data need no repetition in the present connection.

Herbert O. Baer was born in the city of Zanesville, the judicial center of Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 21st of January, 1881, and is a son of Henry and Henrietta (Horkheimer) Baer. He was reared to maturity in Wheeling and after duly availing himself of the advantages of the public schools he continued his studies in Linsly Institute, an excellent school in Wheeling. In preparation for the work of his chosen profession, of which he is a specially able representative, he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, in the city of Philadelphia, in which institution he completed the prescribed course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1902. In his chosen profession he has met with marked success and his finely equipped pharmacy caters to a large and appreciative general patronage, besides that accorded by leading members of the medical profession. Mr. Baer takes a lively interest in all that touches the well being of his home city, where he is a valued member of the Associated Charities, the Playground Association, the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, the Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party and both he and his wife hold membership in the Eoff street Jewish temple.

In the city of Philadelphia, on the 12th of October, 1908, Mr. Baer was united in marriage to Miss Rena Strauss, daughter of Mrs. C. Strauss, and both are popular factors in the social activities of the younger circles in Wheeling.

WILLIAM A. CRACRAFT, SR., M. D.—The Cracraft family, of which the pioneer physician at Elm Grove is a representative, was established on the western slope of the Alleghanies and in what is known as the Upper Ohio valley, before the war of the Revolution. The original ancestor was Joseph Cracraft, of Lincolnshire, England, who settled in Maryland in 1720, and several of whose sons went west, making settlement in southwestern Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky.

One of the sons was Dr. Charles Cracraft, who settled on Ten Mile creek in Washington county. At the historic "council of war" held at Catfish Camp (now the town of Washington), in January, 1777, among the militia captains present, according to the official records, was "Charles Crecraft." Some years later, while with an expedition going to reinforce St. Clair on the Miami, Dr. Cracraft was taken prisoner by the British and Indians, and taken to Canada, whence after an absence of twenty-two months he reached his home in Washington county. His death occurred in this county in 1824. His son William,



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born in 1793, lived on and owned his father's farm in Washington county.

On this farm was born Dr. George Atkinson Cracraft in 1815. He was graduated from a Philadelphia medical school in 1848, and the same year began his practice at Triadelphia in Ohio county. During Pierce's administration, 1853-57, he served as postmaster of Wheeling, and then returning to Triadelphia continued in practice until 1862. His loyalty to old Virginia brought him into disfavor among the dominant Union element, and he finally went south and accepted a post as surgeon of the Nineteenth Virginia Cavalry. With the close of the war he returned and was engaged in practice until his death, April 17, 1888. His wife was Jane Knox, who was born in 1814 and died in 1876, and of their seven sons and five daughters, two became lawyers and two continued the family traditions by entering the profession of medicine.

One of the latter is Dr. William A. Cracraft, who is probably the oldest physician in active practice in the Wheeling district. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1844, but spent most of his early years at his father's home in Triadelphia. At the beginning of the Civil war he was a student in the old West Alexander Academy, and he left the schoolroom to become one of Confederate volunteers who went from Wheeling and vicinity and became the well known company of Shriver Grays. This was mustered in as Company G, Twenty-seventh Virginia Infantry, in Stonewall's brigade. Two years later he joined the Twentieth Virginia Cavalry, and was second lieutenant during the rest of the war.

After the war he entered the University of Virginia as a medical student, and in 1867 began practice in his old home town. His residence on the National Pike, near Elm Grove, began in 1871, and during the forty years of his practice there he has witnessed the upbuilding of the Wheeling creek valley until there is now one continuous settlement between Wheeling and Elm Grove. Among the physicians of Ohio county none have a higher place of esteem than Dr. Cracraft. During his forty odd years in the profession much of his work has been done as a friend of humanity rather than as a remunerative business. For many years he served as physician to the county infirmary. The Cracrafts have been Presbyterians for the most part, and the family have always enjoyed a quiet distinction for individual worth and useful citizenship.

Dr. Cracraft was married in 1875 to Miss Mary Key, of Elm Grove, a daughter of Abner Key. Of the same family, in an earlier generation, was Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star Spangled Banner." Dr. and Mrs. Cracraft were the parents of four children, two daughters and two sons.

WILLIAM A. CRACRAFT, JR., M. D.—One of the able younger members of the medical profession of Ohio county, the junior Dr. Cracraft is of the third successive generation of the family represented in the profession in this county, and his great-great-grandfather was the militia captain and pioneer physician already mentioned.

William A. Cracraft was born at his father's residence in Elm Grove, February 17, 1878, and as a boy attended the Elm Grove public schools. He was also a student in the noted Linsly Institute of Wheeling, where he was graduated in 1893. He attended the University of West Virginia, and his professional studies were pursued in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and University of Virginia. He was graduated M. D. in 1901. One year of his professional

training was spent as interne in Dr. Haskins Hospital at Wheeling. For the past ten years he has been engaged in practice at Edgewood and vicinity, and has a large and increasing patronage and work.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Wheeling Lodge No. 5 of the Masons, with the Knights of Pythias and the order of Elks, and is a member of professional and other societies. He and his wife belong to the Episcopal church. Dr. Cracraft married, April 28, 1910, Miss Stella Russell Hubbard, a daughter of Chester R. Hubbard, of Wheeling. They have one child, William A., born May 21, 1911.

JOHN S. REDD is one of the highly respected residents of the historic city of Moundsville, where he is living a retired life of ease and affluence. He is of ancient lineage, dating his ancestry back for several hundred years, and ever since the middle of the eighteenth century members of the Redd family have been conspicuous in the various activities of the Old Dominion and West Virginia. In the commercial as well as in the military field they have won renown and have at all times held prominent positions in the community.

Nathaniel Redd, the illustrious great-grandfather of John S. Redd, was born in Virginia in 1749, of German parentage, and he became the originator of the family in America; he had fifteen children, one hundred and forty-four grandchildren and sixty-six great-grandchildren. Peter Redd, one of his sons, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1773, and married Hannah Dolman in 1816, to which union the following children were born: John, born in 1817; Nathaniel, in 1818; Samuel, 1820; Mary, 1822; Joseph, 1823; Catherine, 1824; Susanna, 1826; Hannah M., 1827; Andrew, 1829; Elizabeth, 1830; Solomon, 1832; George D., 1834; and Harriet, 1838.

Solomon, a brother of Peter, son of Nathaniel and father of John S., was born at Pigeon Creek, Washington county, Pennsylvania. In 1852 he moved to Virginia, there married and became the parent of the following family: Thomas, Samuel, Sarah A., Margaret, Susan, Parker S., Solomon and John S., of which number only the last named is living. Parker S. and John S. were both members of Company C, Twelfth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and the former was killed in action.

John S. Redd was born in 1836, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and in 1852 he accompanied his father to Virginia. On the 16th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in the same company with his brother Parker, and served a period of three years, during which time he engaged in numerous battles of importance, notable among which may be mentioned the battles of Winchester and Newmarket. He has reason to remember the engagement at Newmarket, as in its course he was wounded in the right leg and still carries the bullet in his limb. He was honorably discharged in June, 1865, and has continued to retain an interest in his companions at arms, being a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1858 Mr. Redd married Miss Elizabeth Wellman, descendant of an old Virginian family and grand-daughter of one of the heroes in the Revolutionary war. Of the six children who were born to Mr. and Mrs. Redd, Susanna, Melissa and William B. are deceased and Mrs. Mary Cox, Lenora and Ionia are living. The family is held in high esteem in Moundsville.

WALKER ALLEN.—A business man of broad and varied experience, Mr. Allen has maintained his home in Wheeling since 1899 and has here gained prestige as a representative citizen and influential factor in connection with business activities. He is one of the interested principals

in the leading mercantile establishment incorporated under the title of House & Hermann, of which he is secretary and treasurer, as well as general manager. Mr. Allen has gained secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of the people of Wheeling and such is his status in the community that he is specially entitled to recognition in this history.

With a due measure of justifiable pride Mr. Allen reverts to the "right little, tight little isle" as the place of his nativity and he is a scion of the staunchest of English stock, the family of which he is a member having long been one of prominence in staunch old Lancashire for many generations. Walker Allen was born in the town of Radcliffe, a borough of the city of Manchester, county of Lancaster, England, on the 11th of September, 1863, and he is a son of Richard and Mary Ann (Kay) Allen, who were likewise born and reared in Lancashire, where the father devoted the major part of his active career to the importation of live stock. The excellent public schools of his native town afforded Walker Allen his early educational advantages, and the discipline thus secured was effectively supplemented by a course in Stand Grammar College, at Whitefield, Lancaster, one of the oldest educational institutions in England. At the age of sixteen years Mr. Allen was apprenticed to the mercantile business, and after he had gained an excellent knowledge of this line of enterprise he determined to seek his fortunes in America. In 1884 he engaged with a mercantile concern at St. Johns, Canada, and in 1886 he removed to Portland, Oregon, where he founded the *Portland Daily Examiner*, of which he was editor for three years. Thereafter he resided for some time at Pendleton and La Grande, that state, where he was buyer and manager for representative mercantile concerns. In 1895 he went to San Jose, Costa Rica, where he became agent for the Costa Rica Railroad Company, and where he resided for a period of nine months.

In 1899 Mr. Allen established his permanent home in the city of Wheeling, and here he has identified himself most effectively with social and business interests, as a broad-minded and progressive citizen and energetic and enterprising business man. The mercantile house in which he is a stockholder and executive is one of the most important retail concerns of the city and he has done much to further its prestige and the expansion of its business, the while he has not hedged himself in with such limitation but has given his influence and co-operation in the support of measures and enterprises that have been projected for the general good of the community. He is one of the active and valued members of the Wheeling Board of Trade and is in close sympathy with its high civic ideals and policies. In this organization he served as a member of the committee on charities in 1907-1908, and he is a member of the committee on municipal affairs at the time of this writing, in 1911. While a resident of Portland, Oregon, he was a member of the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce—from 1887 to 1890. In the time-honored Masonic fraternity he has received the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and he is a member and a trustee of Wheeling Lodge, No. 5, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which are represented his ancient-craft affiliations. In the Scottish Rite his affiliation is with West Virginia Sovereign Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, and he is also a member of Osiris Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with the Woodmen of the World, in which he is past consul commander of the camp at La Grande, Oregon, and with Wheeling Lodge, No. 28, B. P. O. E. Both he and his wife are members of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Allen married Miss Jessie Olive Sharon, who was born and reared in the state of Oregon, of which her father, the late James L. Sharon, was an honored pioneer. Mr. Sharon was born at Mount Pleasant, Jefferson county, Ohio, and migrated to Oregon in the year 1861. He was for many years a representative merchant and influential citizen of Pendleton, that state. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have one child, Lindley Arthur, who was born at Hepner on the 2nd of June, 1890, and is now a student of Cornell University, class of 1914, having graduated from Linsly Institute, Wheeling, class of 1909.

J. F. VOITLE.—The manufacturers of the country are the kings of commerce and in this kingdom the Fostoria Glass Company ranks high. To be superintendent of the glass department of such an establishment is an honor to which only such men as are masters of the glass making craft need aspire. Such a man is Mr. Voitle, its present superintendent, capable, reliable, forceful; understanding his business and attending to it; possessed of an intuitive knowledge of the peculiarities of human nature and so controlling his men that he secures the best possible results.

Mr. Voitle was born in Belmont county, Ohio, July 15, 1858, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth Voitle. The father when a boy immigrated from Germany, his native land, took up his residence in Wheeling and there married, his wife being a life-long resident of Wheeling. They became the parents of ten children.

J. F. Voitle, the eldest of the family, spent the first ten years of his life in Belmont county, where he attended the schools in the neighborhood and learned in addition how to do all kinds of farm work. He had just passed his tenth birthday when he accompanied the family to Wheeling and, at that early age, ended his childhood. He worked for a farmer in the neighborhood and a year later was apprenticed to the glass business with the firm of Hobbs, Brockunier & Company of Wheeling. For a period of twenty years he remained in the employ of this concern, beginning at the bottom rung of the ladder and mounting step by step until he had reached the very top and was acknowledged to be the most skillful man in the shop. In 1887 he accepted a position with the Dalzell & Gilmore Glass Company, and at the expiration of one year he commenced his connection with the Fostoria Glass Company, which was just organized at Fostoria, Ohio. He was at that time only thirty-one years of age, but he had already had twenty years' experience in the glass business. Later the company moved to Moundsville and Mr. Voitle was one of the skillful and almost indispensable men who moved with them. In 1902 he was promoted to the position of factory superintendent, which position he held for the ensuing eight years and in 1910 he was made superintendent of the glass making department, a position which he is well qualified to fill because of his varied and extensive knowledge of the glass industry. He has about three hundred men constantly under his supervision and he not only contrives to get faithful and efficient work from his force, but he secures their good will at the same time.

On September 23, 1879, Mr. Voitle was united in marriage to Miss Alice Blake, a native of Wheeling, West Virginia, and to this union one daughter, Blanche, was born in June, 1880. She is a graduate of the Moundsville high school, and is one of the teachers in the city schools. She took two terms at the Valparaiso Normal. The father and husband devotes the greater share of his time to his business and his family life, but he is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern

Woodmen of America. A Republican in politics, he served on the city council of Moundsville for six years and has been active in the affairs of his party and has been chosen delegate to various conventions. He was one of the first members of the Glass Workers' Union No. 9, of Wheeling, West Virginia, with which organization he was affiliated a number of years, being also active in its work at Millsbury and at Fostoria, Ohio, and was three times elected delegate to the Glass Workers' Convention, was one term a member of the Conference Committee, and for nine years was financial secretary of the local order at Moundsville. He is one of the progressive men of his city and is a stockholder in some of its business concerns. He is an active member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Moundsville and a member of its official board.

UNEEDA BREWING COMPANY.—To note those enterprises which stand representative in their respective lines of industry, as bearing upon the precedence and commercial activities of the city of Wheeling, is one of the distinctive functions of this publication, and in this province the company named above demands due recognition, as it is one of the important concerns of its kind in the metropolis of the state of West Virginia, with facilities and products of the highest standard.

The Uneeda Brewing Company, brewers and bottlers of export beer, with a fine modern plant at the corner of Thirty-first and Jacob streets, in the city of Wheeling, was organized on the 7th of August, 1901, with an authorized capital of three hundred thousand dollars, and it was duly incorporated under the laws of the state. The incorporators were William L. Schempfs, Joseph Korn, Andrew A. Schramm, Charles W. Conner (now deceased) and William F. Bayha, and the first board of directors included these representative citizens, with the exception of Mr. Conner, and also the following named: C. Frederick Biery, Philip Kochert, John Schell, Adam Koegler and Edward Burkle. The personnel of the original executive corps was as here noted: William F. Schempf, president; Philip Kochert, vice-president; William F. Bayha, secretary; and Andrew A. Schramm, treasurer. In January, 1911, the present officers were elected as follows: Andrew A. Schramm, president; Philip Kochert, vice-president and general manager; and William F. Bayha, secretary and treasurer.

The well equipped plant is modern in every detail and the popularity of the product offers the best attest of its superiority and of the correct business methods brought to bear in the prosecution of the enterprise. On other pages of this work specific mention is made of both the president and the secretary and treasurer of the company.

ANDREW A. SCHRAMM is one of the sterling sons of the great empire of Germany who have achieved noteworthy success in connection with industrial activities in the city of Wheeling, where he has maintained his home since 1881 and where he is now president of the Uneeda Brewing Company, of which specific mention is also made preceding this. He is a reliable, enterprising and public-spirited business man and is identified most thoroughly with the industrial and civic interests of the city in which he has elected to establish his residence and in which he has gained prosperity through his well directed efforts.

Andrew August Schramm was born in Hessen, Germany, on the 16th of November, 1863, and is a scion of one of the staunch old families of that section of the empire. He is a son of Wilhelm and Margaret (Kolbe) Schramm, who are now deceased, both having died in Germany. He whose name initiates this review gained his early education in the

excellent schools of his native land, where also he served a thorough apprenticeship to the trade of harnessmaking. In 1881, at the age of seventeen years, he severed the ties that bound him to home and fatherland and set forth to seek his fortunes in America, where he has found ample scope for the satisfying of his ambition and the employment of his productive energies. Mr. Schramm established his permanent home in Wheeling in the year 1881, as has already been stated, and he was actively engaged in the harness business from 1886 to 1898, after which he was identified with the retail liquor trade until 1902. In August of the preceding year he became one of the organizers and incorporators of the Uneeda Brewing Company, and he served as treasurer of the same until the 1st of January, 1906, when he was chosen its president. He has shown marked executive ability in connection with the upbuilding of the substantial business of this corporation, of which he is general manager as well as president, and he is also a member of the directorate of each the Home Fire Insurance Company and the Quarter Dollar Savings Bank of Wheeling. Though essentially liberal and public-spirited as a citizen Mr. Schramm has had no predilection for so-called practical politics and the honors and emoluments of public office have had no allurements for him. He is aligned, however, as a loyal supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and both he and his wife hold membership in St. John's German Protestant church.

On the 17th of January, 1885, Mr. Schramm was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Burkle, daughter of Christian Burkle, one of the sterling German-American citizens of Wheeling, and the four children of this union are Marie (who married Emil Firbertshauser), Charles, Andrew and George.

WILLIAM F. BAYHA.—There is all of consistency in according in this publication recognition to Mr. Bayha, who has gained prestige as one of the representative business men of his native city, where he is secretary and treasurer of the Uneeda Brewing Company and secretary of the A. C. Bayha Company, which latter is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. On other pages of this work is made specific mention of the brewing company, in the upbuilding of whose business Mr. Bayha has been a most influential factor. He is one of the progressive business men and public-spirited citizens of Wheeling, where he has a circle of friends that is essentially coincident with that of his acquaintances.

William Frederick Bayha was born in Wheeling, on the 5th of March, 1860, and is a son of David and Elizabeth S. (Koerner) Bayha. The mother still maintains her home in this city, where the father had long been an influential figure in business and civic affairs. He whose name initiates this review gained his early educational discipline in the excellent parochial school of St. James Evangelical Lutheran church, in Wheeling, and his earlier identification with local business interests was that of clerk and bookkeeper for various business concerns. In 1899 he engaged in the produce brokerage business, and he has been a successful factor in connection with this line of enterprise. In 1901 he became one of the organizers and incorporators of the Uneeda Brewing Company, of which he was the first secretary. Of this office he has since continued the incumbent and since January, 1911, he has also been treasurer of the company. He is a popular factor in the social circles of his native city, where he is a charter member of the lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Royal Arcanum. Though not active in connection with political affairs, he accords a staunch allegiance to the Demo-



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cratic party, and he is a representative member of St. James' German Evangelical Lutheran church, of which he is a vestryman and of which his wife was also a member.

Mr. Bayha married Miss Caroline Margaret Henke, daughter of William Henke, a representative citizen of Steubenville, Ohio, and the four children of this union are Albert William, Elwood David, Ethel May and Robert Russell. Mrs. Bayha died September 9, 1904.

MATTHEW McDERMOTT, proprietor of the McDermott Tool Works, has been prominently identified with the business life of Martins Ferry for many years. He belongs among the men who make the prosperity of a city, creating and offering opportunities to the many who must depend on the leadership of such independent men. Mr. McDermott came out of the ranks himself, lifting himself to the higher responsibilities by an inherent ability and a steady industry that have been substantially rewarded.

This business was started in 1892, with six employes, and the full operating force is now thirty-five, showing how the industry has been developed in twenty years. The site of the McDermott works was purchased from the Hoyle-Jones Company, the former threshing machine manufacturers, and was remodeled for the tool works. Mr. E. H. McDermott was formerly associated with the business, but for some years Mr. Matthew McDermott has been the sole proprietor. The equipment of his plant includes four lathes, one planer, a shaper, a drill press, an upright slanter, four steam hammers, a sand bottom furnace and four forges, and with these facilities a skilled force of men are engaged in the making of forgings of all kinds, designs and sizes and the production of drilling tools and fishing tools for artesian wells, besides a variety of machine work.

Mr. McDermott, the proprietor of this model establishment, was born in Ireland in August, 1849, and is a son of Peter and Winifred (Bruin) McDermott. His father, a wheelwright by trade, brought the family to America when Matthew was but a child, and located at Brantford, Ontario. There the son grew up and received his early education, and when he was eighteen years old he came to the United States. His trade of blacksmith he acquired in Brantford, Ontario, and worked in the locomotive shops at Meadville and Erie, Pennsylvania, and in 1868 he went to Titusville, Pennsylvania. He was in the Pennsylvania oil fields as a practical tool maker and has followed this line of activity more or less to the present time. He later moved to Martins Ferry and established the present industry. About 1887 he left the Pennsylvania oil fields to accept a position as superintendent for Ireland & Hughes, one of the largest oil tool supply firms in the United States, remaining with this firm about three years, when he purchased a half interest in a tool and machine shop and later sold his interest and located in Martins Ferry, as above stated.

Mr. McDermott and his family are members of the Catholic church and he affiliates with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is an independent voter, and as a citizen is an interested supporter of all movements for the advancement of his home city. He married, in 1884, Miss Charlotte Salsgiver, daughter of George Salsgiver, of Tionesta, Pennsylvania. Their family includes nine children, two of them now deceased, and the seven living are: Peter, Edward, Winifred, Harry, Emmett, Gerald and Reginald.

GEORGE CLAUS BENEKE, attorney at law, is one of the rising young members of the Wheeling bar, whose professional abilities have brought him into important relations with the business life of the city. A native of Wheeling, he was born in this city November 18, 1884, a son of Claus and Elise (Herbert) Beneke.

His preparatory education was acquired in the public schools and the Linsly Institute, graduating from the latter in 1902. He is a graduate, in the class of '07, of the University of West Virginia, and was prepared for the bar at the Cincinnati Law School. Besides his general practice Mr. Beneke is attorney for and a director in the West Virginia Investment & Improvement Company, and is attorney for the Bank of Warwood, at Warwood, this state.

Mr. Beneke is prominent in the Zion Lutheran church of Wheeling, is teacher of the Bible class, a member of the Luther League, and was president of the Ohio Valley District for 1909. A thirty-second degree Mason, he is a member of Ohio Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., the Masonic Club of Wheeling, the Scottish Rite Consistory, No. 1, of West Virginia, and the Osiris Temple of the Mystic Shrine. While at the state university he was given military training as a cadet of the university organization.

J. E. CHASE is one of the rising young men in the political circles of Moundsville. Those residents of the city who only know him as a politician could hardly realize that he passed some years of his life as a teacher. He is so evidently in his element now that it is hard to think of him and pedagogy together, and yet a first-class teacher often does develop into a man of prominence in political and professional life. From first to last Mr. Chase has been a success; not that we wish to put him in the class of the "has beens," on the contrary he is doing excellent work in Moundsville, with every indication of continuance through many years.

J. E. Chase, son of John K. and Mary B. (Dorsey) Chase, was born February 17, 1877, in Cameron, Marshall county, West Virginia, the native county of his mother. His father came from Pennsylvania, the state of his nativity, and he was a man of marked intellectual attainments, which he first turned into educational channels and later devoted himself exclusively to politics. He was elected to the office of county assessor, incumbent for several years. Later he was elected county clerk, in which capacity he served up to November 13, 1909, when death terminated his career. His widow survives him.

J. E. Chase, the eldest of the family of nine, attended the public schools in Cameron. Immediately after his graduation from high school he entered the West Liberty State Normal, from which institution he was graduated in 1899. During the ensuing seven years he was identified with the educational profession and proved himself a successful teacher. He was not, however, destined to continue his work as an educator; in 1903 he was elected to the office of deputy clerk under his father and when his parent and superior in office died he was put in to fill the unexpired term. He "made good" and at the election of 1910 he was the choice of his party for county clerk and was elected by a large majority.

On October 22, 1904, he was united by marriage to Miss Dollie J. Fetty, of Marion county, West Virginia, and they are now the parents of one child, J. K., Jr.

Mr. Chase is a member of the B. P. O. E. and of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias, active in lodge life as in political office. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.



J. M. Collins

JAMES M. COLLINS.—One of the progressive business men of the younger generation in his native city, Mr. Collins is vitally interested in those agencies which are compassing the upbuilding of the "Greater Wheeling," the while he is known as a citizen of the most liberal and loyal type and as a business man who is contributing his quota to the material and civic progress of his home city, where he is president of the Standard Electric Corporation, engaged in the handling of all kinds of electrical supplies.

James McAdams Collins was born in Wheeling on the 15th of February, 1878, and is a son of Elvin W. and Virginia (McAdams) Collins, natives of Wheeling. The father had been identified with business activities in Wheeling for many years, dealing in wholesale paint supplies, and was a prominent and honored citizen. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church, and he was a Republican.

To the public schools of Wheeling John M. Collins, the only child of his parents, is indebted for his preliminary educational discipline, which was here supplemented by attendance in the Linsly Institute. For three years thereafter he was a student in Washington & Jefferson College, class 1899, at Washington, Pennsylvania, and he completed his educational work, so far as specific application is concerned, by a course in Cornell University, class 1902, at Ithaca, New York. After leaving college Mr. Collins identified himself with business interests in his native city, and here he has been president of the Standard Electric Corporation since 1908, he having been one of the organizers of the company, the well equipped establishment of which is located at No. 1222 Chapline street. Under his effective administrative policy the concern has built up a substantial business and the same is constantly expanding in scope and importance. A man of sterling character and marked executive ability, Mr. Collins is a valued member of the business community, and it may consistently be said that in his native city his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances.

The honors or emoluments of political office have had no allurements for Mr. Collins, but he is liberal and public-spirited as a citizen and his allegiance is given to the cause of the Republican party. He and his wife hold membership in the First United Presbyterian church of Wheeling, and he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as with the Beta Theta Pi and Theta Nu Epsilon college fraternities. He is a member of the Fort Henry Club, one of the representative social organizations of Wheeling.

On the 30th of August, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Collins to Miss Nelle Emily Schmidt, who was born and reared in Wheeling, and who is a daughter of Charles C. Schmidt, one of the honored and influential citizens of this city, of which he is mayor. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have a fine little son, Charles Schmidt Collins, who was born on the 25th of October, 1903.

BAIRD MITCHELL.—The efficient and popular cashier of the National Bank of West Virginia has gained secure place as one of the representative business men of the younger generation in his native city of Wheeling and is a member of one of the old and honored families of the metropolis of this favored commonwealth. His father, Alexander Mitchell, has been prominently identified with banking interests in Wheeling for the past forty years and is one of the honored and influential citizens of this section of the state.

Baird Mitchell was born in Wheeling, on the 11th of September, 1881, and is a son of Alexander and Delia G. (Harbour) Mitchell, both of whom still maintain their home in Wheeling, and the latter of whom is a daughter of the late Joseph C. Harbour, one of the influential citizens of Wheeling for many years and president of the People's Bank in this city at the time of his death, in 1864. He whose name initiates this review is indebted to the public schools of Wheeling for his early educational discipline and virtually his entire business career has been one of close and effective identification with the banking business in his native city, where through his character and services he has well upheld the prestige of the honored name which he bears. In 1897 he assumed a clerical position in the Mutual Savings Bank, and in 1902 he became secretary of this institution, an office of which he continued the incumbent until 1908, when he assumed his present responsible office, that of cashier of the National Bank of West Virginia, which is one of the solid and essentially representative financial institutions contributing to the general stability of Wheeling as a commercial and industrial center and which is one that controls a large and representative support. Mr. Mitchell has gained the most thorough experience in his chosen sphere of endeavor and is one of the loyal and progressive business men of his native city, where his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances.

Though he has shown no predilection for public office, Mr. Mitchell takes a lively interest in all that touches the material and civic welfare of his home city and he is aligned as a supporter of the cause of the Republican party. He and his wife hold membership in the Vance Memorial Presbyterian church, and they are also prominent and popular factors in connection with the leading social activities of the community. He is affiliated with Bates Lodge, No. 33, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Wheeling Union Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; and Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar.

On the 25th of November, 1908, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Mitchell to Miss Nelle L. Pratt, daughter of A. G. and Ida (Rogers) Pratt, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in which city she was born and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have a winsome little daughter, Katharine.

J. F. ALLEY, sheriff of Marshall county, has for a number of years been prominent in the public affairs and citizenship of that locality. He is an able and fearless executive of the law's decrees, and his personal popularity and proved integrity have often brought to him the responsibilities and honors of public service. His present term of sheriff began January 1, 1909. From 1897 to 1902 he was deputy county clerk, and his record of performance in that office has been repeated in his present incumbency to justify the choice of his fellow citizens. He has also held various other minor offices.

Mr. Alley represents an old family of Marshall county and was born on a farm at Lynn Camp, April 17, 1870. His grandfather, John Alley, who was born in 1800, was one of the pioneer ministers of the Methodist church in this vicinity, and his influence and work gave him a place of high regard among an earlier generation of citizens. His activity also extended to public affairs and he served as judge of the court of Wetzel county, West Virginia. His wife was Agnes Hennen, and of their ten children eight grew to maturity. Four of these added to the honorable record of the family by military service for the Union during the Civil war. They were William L., U. T., Ross and J. K., and the first two endured the experience of prison life in the notorious Libby Prison.



Walter G. Stroehmann

J. K. and Martha Alley were the parents of the present sheriff and were prosperous farming people. They had six children, of whom J. F. is the oldest. He received his education in the common schools and during his early life was engaged in farming until he began a career of usefulness as an official. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically is a Republican.

On September 25, 1895, Mr. Alley was married to Miss Ida A. Morgan. She is a daughter of Charles and Rebecca Morgan. Their marriage has been blessed with five children, whose names are: Hazel, Wilford M., Naomi, John R. and Charles F. Mrs. Alley is a native of Jackson county, West Virginia.

GEORGE JOSEPH MATHISON, prominent in the financial and business life of Wheeling, is secretary of the Home Fire Insurance Company and president of the Quarter Dollar Savings Bank of Wheeling.

A native of this city, his business ability has for many years been a factor in the progress to a Greater Wheeling. He was born here July 13, 1857, a son of George Makensie and Alice (Grant) Mathison, and was educated at St. Vincent College in Wheeling. His business experience began soon after leaving college and a few years later he gained an independent position in the real estate and insurance field, a business with which he has been identified for a number of years.

Mr. Mathison has taken an active part in the institutional growth of his city. He is a director of the Wheeling Hospital and Orphan Asylum, a director of the Wheeling Female Academy and a director of the Wheeling Board of Trade. His church is the Roman Catholic, and he is a member of the Caroll Club, the Wheeling Country Club and the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a Democrat.

His wife, before her marriage, was Miss Annie Nolan, daughter of John and Kate Nolan. They have five children: Kathleen, Elizabeth, John, George and William.

FRED G. STROEHMANN.—The Stroehmann Vienna Bakery, Incorporated, of which Fred G. Stroehmann is the president and founder, is an institution known and esteemed by its fine products throughout the city of Wheeling and the surrounding country for a radius of two hundred miles. Most of the consumers, however, well satisfied with the high quality of the bread and other baked goods that bear the Stroehmann brand, are not acquainted with the interesting personal genius who started and built up the business nor with the excellent facilities of the plant which produces their daily bread. For this reason the following biographical and descriptive sketch will prove instructive to the readers of this work.

Fred G. Stroehmann was born at Leun, Wetzlar, in Rheinprovinz, Germany, August 3, 1866. His parents were Jacob and Catherine (Lotz) Stroehmann. He attended the schools of his fatherland, and when a boy began an apprenticeship to learn the baker's trade, which he has followed all his life and made it the basis of a large success. On the 22nd of September, 1882, he arrived in the United States, being then sixteen years old. The first four years were spent in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and he then located in Wheeling, where he was journeyman baker for the Wheeling Baking Company until April, 1892.

At the latter date he started in business for himself, establishing his shop at 2211 Market street, where he still maintains a retail store. His business grew so that he had to secure larger quarters, and on June 8,

1902, he purchased a piece of property on Main street, known as No. 2208-2210. In 1905 another addition was necessary, and since then the plant was expanded still further by purchasing property at 2212 and 2214 Main street. In 1910, finding they had outgrown the present plant, he bought the property from the corner of 22nd street up to their original bakery and in May, 1911, started to build their present plant, which is a handsome four story structure and covers a space of one hundred and twenty-four feet by one hundred and twenty-two feet and is one of the most complete plants in the country.

The Stroehmann Vienna Bakery was incorporated in 1905 with the following board of officers: Fred G. Stroehmann, president; L. F. Stroehmann, vice-president; W. H. Truschel, secretary and treasurer; and R. M. Truschel, a director and stockholder.

This bakery possesses all the latest machinery, equipment and sanitary facilities. An artesian well supplies the water used, with a pressure of fifty pounds. Steam-jacket kettles for cooking pie stock, etc., are part of the equipment. The six bread ovens have a capacity of twenty-seven hundred loaves an hour. The motor power is electricity, but steam power can be substituted in five minutes' time. The ovens are the celebrated Durkof, Baily & Standard type. One room of the building is used entirely for dough-mixing, which is done entirely by machinery, and through all the process of making and baking the handling by human hands is reduced to the minimum. Automatic scales weigh the flour, water and loaves of bread, so that everything is in scientific proportion. The cake department is on the second floor and under the supervision of a competent foreman, where they have a double draw plate oven for baking and the department is equipped with all the latest machinery for making and baking cakes. The wrapping department is operated by Mr. Stroehmann's daughter, and this in itself is a model department. Every cake is wrapped in parafine paper before leaving the establishment. The building is constructed of cement, steel and brick, practically fire-proof, and in addition a four-inch water main runs throughout the building to be used only for fire protection. The shipping and storage room covers a space eighty by sixty-six feet, and is equipped with steel racks, and each driver has his own storage room. The sanitary and comfort facilities of the establishment are also noteworthy. There is a baker's wash room, each baker having his own wash-stand, towels, etc., and there is also a dressing room and a lunch room, where each employe has the privilege of three meals a day. The entire plant is heated by steam.

Mr. Stroehmann married Miss Louisa Koehler, who was born in Wheeling, West Virginia. Their five children are: Carrie, Freda, Carl, Harold and Irene. Mr. Stroehmann and family are members of the German Lutheran church. In politics he is a progressive Republican. He is an influential member of the Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association, and is affiliated with the Masonic bodies of Wheeling.

ELIJAH ADAMS is one of the well known and representative farmers of Marshall county, where he has lived for almost half a century. Since he first engaged in agricultural pursuits the status of the farmer has undergone a radical change. A farm and a mortgage used at one time to be synonymous terms, but a man burdened with debt is not apt to be beautiful, either in looks or disposition. Now all of this has been changed and "back to the farm" means a return to efficiency, health and life; we reach the farm by going forward, not by going backward. The business of the farmer who produces food must be regarded as a fine art, not to be left to the whipped-out and the discouraged, as in former times. Much

of this changed condition has come about within the recollection of Mr. Adams, and it is due to the work and example of such as he that ideas on this subject have so completely changed. Mr. Adams is also identified with the prosperity of the township of Loudenville itself, where he is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens, both in his official capacity of postmaster and in his private life.

To the younger generation of Loudenville it seems as if Mr. Adams had always lived in the vicinity, but there are others who remember the time when he first came to the state. He was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1846, and his parents, John and Elizabeth (Timons) Adams, were life-long residents of that state, where they reared ten of their twelve children, six of whom are still living. John Adams was engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native state during his entire life, and trained his children in those habits of usefulness and diligence which have ever since materially aided them.

Elijah Adams was the eldest of the dozen children and is the only one of the family who ever lived in West Virginia. His boyhood days were passed on his father's farm in Greene county, where he attended the country schools of his district. When he was but fifteen years of age the hostilities which had been fomenting for several years grew into the open rupture between the north and the south, which was the beginning of the Civil war. Young as he was, Elijah Adams was possessed of decided opinions as to the justness of the attitude which the northerners assumed, but was obliged to abide his time, continue his education and work upon the farm until he lacked three months of being eighteen years of age. Then, on the twenty-second day of February, 1864, he enlisted in Company A of the Eighteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, in which command he served with marked bravery and efficiency for twenty-two months. During that period he participated in many battles, the incidents of which he recalls as distinctly as if they had been enacted yesterday. The battle at Richmond was a hard-fought conflict, during which he experienced many hours of continuous fighting; the battle at Charles City, with all its horrors, will ever be a memory of fearful experiences; these and many other minor engagements, which are to most of us but names, are to Mr. Adams the scenes of awful hardships, bloodshed and slaughter. In the month of November, 1865, his regiment was mustered out and he was discharged honorably from military service to follow the duties of a civilian.

Mr. Adams returned to his home in Greene county, Pennsylvania, but generously determined to start out in the world for himself and make way for his younger brothers and sisters at home. He had visited many parts of the country during his twenty-two months of military service, and it seemed to him that West Virginia offered the most agricultural possibilities of any place with which he was familiar. He therefore took the money which he had earned at the risk of his life, purchased a farm of three hundred acres in Marshall county and settled on his land. For about a quarter of a century he devoted himself to the cultivation of the soil and to the rearing and education of his family, and by dint of the closest industry, the utmost economy and the most careful management, he was able in the course of a few years to relax somewhat from his strenuous labors and begin to enjoy the fruits of his efforts. He lived on his farm until 1896 and owns it still, but in that year he gave up the active management of his property and moved into the village of Loudenville, where for three years he lived a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest; but in 1899 his friends prevailed on him to accept the position of postmaster of Loudenville, in which capacity he served in a most satis-

factory manner until 1911, a period of twelve years. During his incumbency he devoted himself to his official duties with as much zeal as he had shown in the military service of his country and with as much attention to details as had characterized his farming efforts.

In 1873, the year before he came to West Virginia, Mr. Adams was united to Miss Margaret Cecil, to which union were born ten children, six of whom are living now and whose names are as follows: Sarah, George W., Thadeus S., Amanda, Margaret and E. D. In 1895, the year before he removed from his farm into town, his wife died. On Washington's birthday, 1899, just after Mr. Adams had been appointed to the position of postmaster, he married, as his second wife, Mrs. Jennie, daughter of James Coen and widow of A. M. Alley. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coen of whom, besides Mrs. Adams, the following are living: Martha, A. H., Hugh W., Charles, Emma M. and J. D.

Mr. Adams is distinctly a public-spirited man, desirous of taking his part in the affairs of his adopted state. He served his township in the capacity of constable for a period of eight years, during which time he was remarkably successful in preserving law and order. It is but natural that, with is large family, he should have always taken the deepest interest in educational matters; for eight years he did all in his power to improve the educational facilities while he was holding the office of school trustee. Religious affairs claim a fair share of Mr. Adams' time and interest and he is an active member of the Christian church at Loudenville, where for years he has been one of its pillars. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, participating in all of the proceedings of the post with which he is affiliated. His fellow citizens in Loudenville and the farmers in the county all speak in the highest terms of the integrity and uprightness of Mr. Adams, who has been in their midst upwards of half a century.

ALEXANDER R. CAMPBELL.—Incumbent of the office of United States deputy collector of internal revenue for the district of West Virginia, Hon. Alexander R. Campbell is one of the prominent, influential and honored citizens of the state and is a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of Wheeling. He is of Scotch-Irish lineage on both the paternal and maternal sides and the respective families were founded in Virginia in the colonial days. Representatives of the Campbell family settled in West Virginia in the pioneer epoch, when this section of the Old Dominion was still sparsely populated, and the name has been long and prominently identified with the annals of the city of Wheeling. He whose name initiates this review has been an influential factor in political activities in West Virginia, has served as a member of both branches of the state legislature, has held various offices of local trust, and as a citizen he is broad-minded and progressive, with a secure vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem. He is one of the influential citizens of Wheeling and is specially eligible for representation in this history of the city and its vicinity.

Though he has been a resident of West Virginia during the greater part of his life, Mr. Campbell is a native of the Hawkeye state, where his father took up his abode in the pioneer days. He was born in the city of Burlington, Iowa, which was then a small village, on the 29th of August, 1848, and is a son of John R. and Margaret (Cassady) Campbell, the former of whom was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1813, and the latter of whom was born at Winchester, Virginia, in 1826. John R. Campbell was reared to maturity in Wheeling and was here identified

with various business interests until about 1844, when he removed to Burlington, Iowa, and became one of the pioneer merchants of that place. He returned to Wheeling about 1850, and his death occurred in this city in 1864. He was a man of sterling character and of marked ability, and he ever commanded the high regard of all who knew him. His political allegiance was given to the Whig party and his religious faith was that of the United Presbyterian church, under whose tenets he was reared. His devoted wife survived him a number of years and passed the closing years of her life in Wheeling, where she was summoned to eternal rest in 1875, at the age of fifty years. She was one of the most devoted and zealous members of the First Presbyterian church of this city and was one of those prominently concerned with the promotion and establishing of the Wheeling Children's Home, one of the noble benevolent institutions of this city. Her life was one marked by gentle and gracious refinement, and her memory is revered by all who came within the sphere of her influence. Concerning the five children the following brief data are entered: Mary C., who resides in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, is the widow of Monroe A. Chandler, who was cashier of one of the leading banking institutions in Wheeling, and died in Cleveland; Alexander R., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Amelia S. was the wife of Daniel C. Huffman, cashier of the People's National Bank of Morgantown, and died at Morgantown, West Virginia; Thomas D. was traveling passenger agent for the Wisconsin Central Railroad, and resided in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, and he died in Albuquerque, New Mexico. John R., who was a resident of the city of Chicago, where he was freight agent for one of the leading trunk lines of railroads entering that metropolis, died in Memphis, Tennessee.

Alexander R. Campbell was about two years of age at the time of the family's return from Iowa to Wheeling and was fifteen years old at the time of his father's death. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools of this city, but when his father passed away he found it incumbent upon him, though a mere boy, to assume practical responsibilities and to assist in the support of his widowed mother and the younger children. He gave the utmost filial solicitude to his devoted mother and continued to reside with her until she was called to the life eternal. In 1865 he secured a clerkship in the wholesale drug house of McCabe, Kraft & Company, of Wheeling, with which he remained until 1871, when he entered the employ of Laughlin Brothers & Company, wholesale dealers. He became a member of this firm in 1873, and thus continued until 1883, when he disposed of his interest in the business. It is worthy of note that during the entire period of his connection with this concern as one of its principals he was never absent from the establishment a single business day from sickness. Upon his retirement from this firm Mr. Campbell removed to Ravenswood, Jackson county, where he conducted a drug store for a brief interval, at the expiration of which he disposed of the business and accepted the position of general agent for West Virginia for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with headquarters in Wheeling and Ravenswood. With this staunch company he continued in effective service for a period of six years, during which he secured a large business in his assigned territory.

While a resident of Ravenswood Mr. Campbell became actively concerned with political affairs, in connection with which he has long been a recognized power in the state. He was elected chairman of the Republican executive committee of Jackson county and showed marked discrimination and skill in the manoeuvring of political forces. At the next

general election, that of 1888, he became the Republican candidate for representative of the fifth district in the state senate, said district comprising the counties of Jackson, Roane and Mason, and after a spirited campaign he was elected by a gratifying majority. He proved an active and valued member of the upper house of the legislature, in which he was assigned to membership on various important committees and in which he made an admirable record. In 1889 he returned to Wheeling, and in 1892 he was elected representative of Ohio county in the house of delegates of the legislature, in which body he served one term, with characteristic fidelity and ability. In 1896 he was a member of the clerical staff of the state senate, and in the preceding years he had been chosen representative of the third ward in the city council of Wheeling—an office of which he continued incumbent for two years, within which he did much to foster progressive municipal policies. Since 1892 he has been a resourceful and valued worker in every state and national campaign in West Virginia and he has gained high reputation as effective campaign speaker. He is an able advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party and is well fortified in his opinions as to matters of public import. In July, 1897, shortly after the first election of Major William McKinley to the presidency, Mr. Campbell was tendered and accepted his present responsible government office, that of deputy collector of internal revenue in charge of the Wheeling office, and by successive re-appointments he has since continued in tenure of the position, of whose affairs he has given a most careful and effective administration. While a resident of Ravenswood he was one of the original stockholders in the Bank of Ravenswood, of whose board of directors he was secretary. He is identified with various fraternal and social organizations of representative order.

On the 20th of December, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Campbell to Miss Mary H. Rearick, who was born and reared at Hagerstown, Maryland, where her father, the late John Rearick, was a representative merchant and influential citizen. Mrs. Campbell is a woman of most gracious personality and is a most popular chatelaine of the beautiful family home, which is known for its refined hospitality. In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell: Clinton R. is one of the tellers of the Dollar Savings and Trust Bank of Wheeling; Alexander R., Jr., is president of the Alexander Campbell Company, manufacturers of Grocers' Supplies; Chandler is a captain in the United States Marine Corps, to which he was appointed after a competitive examination in which he stood second in a class of twelve applicants, his appointment coming through United States Senator Nathan B. Scott, of Wheeling, and was made by President McKinley; Harold W., cashier of the Bank of Fulton, West Virginia, married Maud Dille, of Morgantown, West Virginia, in 1908, and they have one son, Alexander Oliver Campbell, third, and Juliet, who completed her education in Wilson College, at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, is now at the parental home.

HARRY J. SCHEUFLE.—The financial and industrial interests of the commercial world have long maintained as their regulators and conservators the banking institutions, and upon the stability and proper systematization and management of the latter must depend the solidity and strength of practically all other lines of business enterprise. Wheeling is specially favored in the extent and character of her banking institutions, and one of the more recently established but none the less representative and stable concerns of this order is the Center Wheeling Savings Bank, which transacts a general banking business in addition to the maintaining of the

best of facilities in the handling of savings deposits. This bank initiated operations on the 21st of May, 1901, and Harry J. Scheufler has been incumbent of the responsible office of cashier since 1903. As the practical executive officer in charge of the detailed affairs of the institution he has shown marked financial acumen and administrative ability, with the result that he has efficiently furthered the upbuilding of the business and broadened its popularity in the various departments.

The Center Wheeling Savings Bank was organized in 1901 and was incorporated with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars—its present basic agency of operation. The personnel of the original executive corps was as here indicated: Thomas M. Garvin, president; Dr. Leonard Eskey, vice-president; and Frederick Huseman, cashier. Sam B. McKee later succeeded to the presidency and still continues incumbent of this office; Dr. Eskey is still vice-president; Mr. Scheufler assumed the position of cashier in 1903, as already noted; and Frank T. Dowler is now an effective coadjutor in the office of assistant cashier. In addition to the president, vice-president and cashier the directorate includes the following named and representative citizens: Charles H. Dowler, Jere A. Miller, Dr. J. A. Monroe, Richard Robertson, Millard F. Giesey and Frank W. and George W. Bowers. The bank owns and occupies a substantial two-story building, eligibly located at the corner of Market and Twenty-second streets, and its real estate, furniture and fixtures represent a valuation of somewhat more than sixteen thousand dollars. The surplus fund has now reached twenty thousand dollars, and the total deposits are fully five hundred thousand dollars—showing a steady and substantial growth in the business during the decade of its history, as the deposits on the 1st of January, 1902, aggregated only \$40,329.09. Four per cent interest is paid on savings deposits and the facilities in all departments are of the best order, including fine steel vaults of the best modern design and construction. The same rate of interest is also paid on time deposits, and the bank has received a representative support in both its commercial and savings departments.

Harry J. Scheufler, the efficient and popular cashier of the Center Wheeling Savings Bank, is a native son of the city that is now his home and in which he is numbered among the representative business men of the younger generation. Practically his entire business experience has been in connection with banking operations and he is admirably fortified in practical knowledge of all details of this important line of enterprise. He was born in Wheeling on the 8th of March, 1876, and is a son of Edward and Matilda (Tiemann) Scheufler, the former of whom was born in Germany, and the latter in Wheeling, both being of staunch German lineage. The father came to Wheeling about 1872, where he engaged at his profession of a music teacher. About 1881 he moved to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where the family still reside. He is a specially talented musician and has long been a popular and successful teacher of the "divine art." To the excellent public schools of his native city Harry J. Scheufler is indebted for his early educational discipline. In 1893, at the age of seventeen years, he assumed a clerical position in the German Bank of Wheeling, and he remained with this institution until 1896, when he went to the city of La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he became incumbent of a similar position in the La Crosse National Bank, in which capacity he continued to serve until 1903, when he returned to his native city to accept his present position as cashier of the Center Wheeling Savings Bank, in which he has further reinforced his reputation as a careful financier and efficient executive.

Taking a loyal interest in all that touches the welfare of his home city, Mr. Scheufler is essentially progressive and public-spirited, and while he has had no predilection for political preferment of any order he is found aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the Republican party. He was a valued member of the directorate of the Wheeling Business Men's Protective Association until his term expired in the spring of 1911, and he is secretary of the Wheeling Clearing House Association. In the time-honored Masonic fraternity he has completed the circle of Scottish Rite bodies, in the latter of which he has received the thirty-second degree and been crowned a sublime prince of the royal secret. He also holds membership in the adjunct organization, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is identified with other civic organizations of local order. Mrs. Scheufler is a member of the Presbyterian church.

On the 14th of February, 1907, Mr. Scheufler was united in marriage to Miss Lillian F. Dauer, a daughter of John and Fannie Dauer, well known citizens of Wheeling, where the father is engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. Scheufler are popular factors in the social circles of Wheeling and their pleasant home is a center of generous hospitality. They have two winsome little daughters, Katherine L. and Elizabeth L.

THE CENTRAL GLASS COMPANY, of Wheeling, originated in the firm of Osterling, Henderson & Company, established in July, 1863. Mr. John Osterling and Mr. John Henderson were the principal members, the latter being the grandfather of Mr. W. H. Cassell, now manager of the sales department. The first factory was built at the corner of Twenty-fifth and Jacob streets on the south side. On July 27, 1860, the business was incorporated as the Central Glass Company, and the factory was moved to the site in East Wheeling where it has been in continuous operation ever since with the exception of the years 1894-96. During this period it was known as Factory O of the United States Glass Company of Pittsburg, the combine consisting of eighteen widely scattered plants. Owing to labor troubles this company never operated the plant, and in December, 1895, it was bought back by Wheeling capitalists. In January, 1896, it was incorporated as the Central Glass Works.

The Central Glass Works is one of the largest manufacturers of fine flint glassware in the world. Originally it manufactured pressed table ware and lamps, having a large trade all over the world. The present company manufactures a much higher grade of lead blown and pressed ware, decorated and cut, supplying the finest hotels, clubs and leading railroads in the United States. Shipments from the factory are also frequently made to distant parts of the world, and wares from the "House of Quality," as the Central Works are known, have a high reputation among dealers everywhere.

The factory of the Central Glass Works covers two and a half acres, and there are three furnaces of twelve pots each. About seven hundred persons are employed, so that this industry is one of the principal resources that support the population of the city. The company operates its own cooperage and packing plant.

The principal officers of the Central Glass Works are: N. B. Scott, president; Jos. Speidel, vice-president; John Yaeger, secretary and treasurer; and W. H. Cassell, manager of the sales department.

PETER CASSELL, a prominent citizen of Wheeling, who has been actively associated with almost all the leading manufactures of the city and vicinity, is now retired from regular participation in business, though



Peter Russell

still largely interested in various enterprises. Mr. Cassell was born near Millville, New Jersey, June 26, 1830, the son of Levi and Martha (Watson) Cassell, of German and English descent, respectively, who settled in what is now Ohio county, West Virginia, in 1837. They made their home at West Union, where the father followed his trade of blacksmith until his death in 1840. He left a family of five children—Joseph, Peter, Nathaniel, Levi and Mary A. (wife of John D. Jones of Philadelphia), all deceased with the exception of the subject of this sketch.

Peter Cassell was reared from his seventh year in Ohio county. His educational advantages were very limited. At an early age he went upon the river as an employe on a passenger boat, in which occupation he was engaged three years. Subsequently he learned the trade of glass blowing, and after a service of seven years he took charge of a press in the works of Barnes & Hobbs and the Central Glass Company, where he was engaged at his trade until 1871.

He was one of the original projectors of the Central Glass Company, which was established in 1861 and incorporated in 1863, and since then he has been a director and the largest stockholder in the company. He is also heavily interested in almost all the big iron and steel mills and potteries in the vicinity. A number of years since he retired from active participation in these various enterprises, and retains only his directorships in the Central Glass Works and the Dollars Savings & Trust Company, in both of which he was among the original stockholders and incorporators.

Mr. Cassell has been a resident of Wheeling since 1841, and his many years of active citizenship have gained him the highest respect and esteem of the entire community. Especially has his generous and just treatment of labor connected with his various enterprises gained him the loyalty and regard of all who have at different times been in his employment.

In 1862 he was married to Elizabeth J., daughter of John and Mary (Conley) Henderson of Wheeling. Her father was a member of the firm of Osterling & Henderson, glass manufacturers, which firm was afterwards merged into the Central Glass Company. Four children were born of this marriage, of whom three are living: William H., sales manager of the Central Glass Works (see sketch below); Virginia, wife of Frank H. Stamm; and Levi. Mr. Cassell is a member of the First Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM HENRY CASSELL, sales manager of the Central Glass Works, and who has been prominently connected with Wheeling business affairs for more than a quarter of a century, was born at Wheeling, September 6, 1867, and is a son of Peter Cassell, the well known manufacturer and business man.

His early education was acquired in the public schools and the Linsly Institute of Wheeling. Since he was seventeen years old his energies have been absorbed by a growing business career, and in that time he has been associated with banking, newspaper work and manufacturing. He first became teller in the Bank of the Ohio Valley and held that position from 1884 to 1888. He was invoice clerk in the Central Glass Works from 1888 to 1893. After the glass works were sold to the United States Glass Company in the latter year he engaged in cartoon, illustration and reportorial work on the Wheeling *Intelligencer* and other newspapers up to 1896. In that year he became traffic manager of the Central Glass Company and has held that position to the present time. Since 1905 he has also been sales manager for the company. Mr. Cassell is one of the live, progressive business men of Wheeling, and has done

much to uphold the prestige of his city as one of the leading manufacturing centers of the Ohio valley.

He is a member of the Elks fraternity, the Press Club and the Traffic Club of Pittsburgh. In politics he is a Republican and has been delegate to various party conventions. His wife is Mrs. Daisy Lillian (Johnson) Cassell. She is a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Gilliland) Johnson, her father being a retired citizen of Bellaire, Ohio.

COLONEL THOMAS O'BRIEN.—A strong and noble character was that of the late Colonel Thomas O'Brien, who exerted an emphatic and benignant influence in connection with business and civic affairs in Wheeling during the entire course of a long and significantly successful career. He came from the Emerald Isle to America when a young man and soon after his arrival established his home in Wheeling. The greater part of his life thereafter was passed in this city, and here he gained success through his individual ability and application, the while he ever stood exemplar of that integrity of purpose which figures as the plumb of character and makes for distinct valuation in connection with the varied relations of life. Colonel O'Brien was a financier of marked astuteness and he served as treasurer of the state of West Virginia with great ability and efficiency, besides which he was called to other offices of distinctive public trust. His strength was as the number of his days and he was summoned from the mortal life in the fulness of years and well earned honors, his death having occurred at his home in Wheeling on Sunday afternoon, June 27, 1909. His life was conspicuous for the magnitude and variety of its achievement, but above all the character of the man himself was what made him a tower of strength in the community, a natural leader in thought and action, and a personality that commanded unequivocal popular confidence and esteem. He was much to Wheeling, much to the state of West Virginia, even as they represented the centralization of his interests and affections, and thus it is but a matter of intrinsic consistency that in this publication be incorporated a tribute to the man and his services. In the context recourse is taken to a most appreciative estimate published in the *Wheeling Register* at the time of the death of Colonel O'Brien, but as definite paraphrase is made at various points it has not been deemed necessary to make the quotations of formal order. The estimate, however, is given by one familiar with the career of the subject, and this, with its localized authority, makes the same doubly worthy of preservation in more enduring form than the files of a newspaper.

Probably no death that has occurred in Wheeling in recent years caused such widespread sorrow as that of Colonel Thomas O'Brien, who passed away on the afternoon of June 27, 1909, and the immediate cause of whose demise was pneumonia. His career furnishes a splendid example of what may be accomplished by pluck and perseverance when joined with high character. Colonel O'Brien was born in county Cavan, Ireland, in the year 1830, and was thus in his eightieth year at the time of his death. His early educational advantages were limited, but his ambition was broad. In the spring of 1851, about the time of attaining to his legal majority, he decided to come to America, where many of his countrymen have grasped the opportunities for success not offered in their native land. In the autumn of the same year he came to Wheeling, big in physique and mentality and strong in his determination to succeed. He possessed no financial resources, but he had more valuable assets in native wit, willingness to work, and unflinching determination to do the right as he saw it. He was variously employed for two years and then

entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. In this connection he was promoted step by step, filling clerkships and other responsible positions, and all the while preparing himself for higher places. While in the service of the railroad company he was stationed at various times at Wheeling, Ravenswood and Parkersburg. It was at Parkersburg, in 1861, that he enlisted for service in defense of the Union, in response to President Lincoln's call for volunteers to protect the national capital. He was instrumental in organizing a company of soldiers and was made second lieutenant of his company, which became a part of the First West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. Upon the expiration of the term for which he enlisted Colonel O'Brien returned to Wheeling and accepted a position as clerk in the postoffice. He retained this incumbency until 1864, when he was discharged, because he voted for General George B. McClellan, the Democratic candidate for president. This incident illustrates one of his most prominent characteristics—his resolute adherence to any cause or principle he believed to be right, regardless of consequences. This quality in some persons might spell ruin; in Colonel O'Brien it was a factor in success, because of his sincerity, which was never questioned, as well as his forcefulness and his ability to defend his views. It may be said of him that, while he made mistakes, he never espoused a cause he did not believe to be right. He was not tactful; he did not believe in compromising with error or injustice. The cause he believed to be just was the one that always found in him a valiant and influential advocate.

When Colonel O'Brien left the postal service he engaged in the real estate business. His strict integrity, indefatigable energy and application to work not only brought him success but also attracted the attention of his fellow citizens, and he became one of the best known and most uniformly respected citizens of Wheeling. He was appointed surveyor of the port of Wheeling in 1865 and filled the office until the close of President Johnson's administration. Governor Jacobs appointed him an aide on his military staff, with the rank of colonel, and he served in this capacity for six years.

Colonel O'Brien was invariably well fortified in his opinions and took a lively and active interest in politics. He believed firmly in the principles and policies of the Democratic party, but did not hesitate to express his disapproval of new party doctrines and policies if he thought the occasion demanded such an expression. In 1880 he was elected state treasurer, and he retained the office four years, giving a most careful and discriminating administration of the fiscal affairs of the state. He was a member of the city council of Wheeling in 1863-4 and again in 1871-2, and was a frequent delegate to the conventions of his party—county, state and national. Soon after the expiration of his term as state treasurer Colonel O'Brien became an executive of the People's State Bank of Wheeling, with which he continued to be actively identified until his death. During nearly half of the period noted he was president of the institution, and his wise counsel and exemplary methods in banking have aided many who were and are now connected with the financial affairs of Wheeling. He was always conservative and safe. He was at different times a director of the Belmont Nail Company, the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia, several building associations, the National Telephone Company, and other business and industrial enterprises.

Throughout his life Colonel O'Brien was a consistent communicant of the Catholic church, and for years he was one of the most active and influential members of the parish of St. Joseph's cathedral. He was a member of the League of the Sacred Heart and of the St. Vincent de

Paul Society, and he was one of the promoters of the Carroll Club, in which he maintained a lively interest up to the time of his death. He was a trustee and member of the board of directors of Mount de Chantal Academy, at Wheeling, and a director of the Wheeling Hospital and Orphan Asylum, as well as other Catholic institutions in Wheeling and vicinity. His public spirit was manifested through his active participation in every public movement for the general good. He was always ready with his time, his purse and his influence to aid any worthy movement, and was particularly active in campaigns for the betterment of municipal conditions and for the relief of the deserving poor. In every sense of the word he was a useful citizen, arising through his own efforts to a position of eminence in the community, and his life offers valuable lessons of incentive and inspiration.

Governor White appointed Colonel O'Brien a member of the state board of equalization and appeals, and he was honored by Governor Dawson by appointment as a member of the board of directors of the first state hospital for the insane. He was a member and one of the first vice-presidents of the Wheeling Board of Trade and until the later years of his life he took an active part in the work of that business organization, as had he also in that of its predecessor, the Chamber of Commerce. He was very deeply interested in the movements for conservation of the natural resources of the nation and for the improvement of the Ohio river.

In the year 1853 was solemnized the marriage of Colonel O'Brien to Miss Catherine Gillespie, of Wheeling, and his devoted companion and helpmeet preceded him to the life eternal, as her death occurred on the 16th of March, 1907. Of the fifteen children of this union eight are now living. Margaret Josephine and Catherine are both deceased; Grace is the wife of a Mr. Flynn, of Mount de Chantal; Annie and Lawrence are deceased; Mary Agnes is the widow of John J. O'Connor and resides in Wheeling; Thomas resides in Wheeling; Nora is deceased; Margaret Josephine, second of the name, is a member of the Sisters of Charity, in charge of St. Vincent's Academy, at St. Vincent's, Kentucky; John J. P. and Frank A. are engaged in the practice of law at Wheeling and are individually mentioned on other pages of this work.

In conclusion of this memoir is entered the following extract from an editorial appearing in the *Wheeling Register* on the day following the death of Colonel O'Brien:

Colonel O'Brien was a man of exceptionally strong personality and sterling integrity. Mistakes he made, as we all do, but they were always of the head and not the heart. Probably at no time in his long and busy career did he espouse a cause until he had first satisfied himself that it was just and worthy, and the movement which enlisted him in its support always had a vigorous and influential advocate and defender. He never lacked the courage of his convictions. His interest in public affairs was broad, and he was a militant factor in many campaigns for civic betterment and for the moral improvement of the community.

Colonel O'Brien was called to many positions of responsibility and trust, and he invariably laid them down honorably. He was conscientious and painstaking in his public service; conservative and safe in his financial and business activities. He was devoted to his church and its interests without being narrow and intolerant in his religious views, and during a half century of unusual activity in this community his character was never assailed. His usefulness may not be measured so much by constructive enterprises and business movements in which he was a factor, as by his influence upon the moral and material welfare of the

community, and the splendid example to young men which his career affords.

JOHN J. P. O'BRIEN.—A native son of Ohio county, West Virginia, and a representative of one of the old and honored families of Wheeling, Mr. O'Brien has gained secure place as one of the able members of the bar of the West Virginia metropolis, where he controls a substantial and important practice and where he is known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen, well worthy of the unequivocal esteem in which he is held in the community that has ever been his home. To his honored father, the late Colonel Thomas O'Brien, a special memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work, so that further reference to the family history is not demanded in the present connection.

John J. P. O'Brien was born at the old family homestead at Leatherwood, Ohio county, West Virginia, and the date of his nativity was October 20, 1875. He was afforded the best of educational advantages, in addition to the gracious influences of a home of signally idyllic order. He gained his rudimentary education in the parochial school of the cathedral parish of Wheeling and thereafter continued his studies in turn in St. Charles College, at Ellicott City, Maryland; Mount St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, that state, at which latter institution he was graduated in the year 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Two years later receiving from the same college the degree of Master of Arts. In preparation for his chosen profession Mr. O'Brien availed himself of the superior advantages of the Catholic University of America, in the city of Washington, D. C., in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1898 and from which he received the well earned degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was forthwith admitted to the bar of his native state and engaged in the practice of his profession in Wheeling. He has full appreciation of the dignity and insistent demands of his chosen vocation and has shown himself a careful and conscientious worker in the same, with the result that, with his natural and acquired powers, he has gained success and prestige of no uncertain order. He retains a representative clientage, is known as an able trial lawyer and conservative counselor, and in the practice of his profession he is associated with his brother Frank A., who is specifically mentioned on other pages of this work. He is a member of the directorate of the Conservative Life Insurance Company of Wheeling and is also counsel for the same. He has held his profession as worthy of his undivided allegiance and thus has not sought public office, though he accords a staunch support to the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor. He and his wife are communicants of St. Joseph's cathedral parish and are zealous in the support of the various departments of church work. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and is an active member of the Carroll Club.

On the 26th of September, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. O'Brien to Miss Blanche A. Reynolds, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they have four children, namely: Thomas, John J., Estella E. and Blanche R.

FRANK A. O'BRIEN.—One of the representative younger members of the bar of the city of Wheeling, Mr. O'Brien is well entitled to recognition in this publication, and further consistency to such consideration is given by the fact that he is a native son of the city and a member of a family that has long been one of prominence and influence in this favored community. Of the prestige of the name no further evidence is required than that afforded in the memoir dedicated to his father, the late Colonel

Thomas O'Brien, on other pages of this volume, for the latter held secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of the people of Wheeling and was a man of strong and noble character—a citizen who left a definite impress upon the industrial, financial and civic annals of Wheeling and of the state.

Frank A. O'Brien was born in Wheeling on the 20th of May, 1882, and after due preliminary discipline he entered Mount St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he prosecuted higher academic studies, as did he later in the Western University of Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the West Virginia University, at Morgantown. He was graduated in the law department of the last mentioned institution, as a member of the class of 1903, and he duly received his degree of Bachelor of Laws, with virtually coincident admission to the bar of the state. He has since been successfully established in active general practice in his native city, and in the work of his profession he is associated with his elder brother, John J. P. O'Brien, of whom individual mention is made in this volume. He holds distinctive popularity in professional, business and social circles in his native city, is a Republican in his political allegiance, is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and holds membership in the Carroll and University Clubs, representative social organizations of Wheeling. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church, in which they hold membership in St. Joseph's cathedral.

The marriage of Mr. O'Brien to Miss Estelle J. Schlaudecker, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was solemnized on the 12th of June, 1909, and they are popular factors in the social activities of their home city. They have a winsome little daughter, Aileen Estelle. Mrs. O'Brien was born and reared in Cincinnati and is a daughter of Julian and Stella (Kleinfelter) Schlaudecker, her father being a representative business man of that city.

DAVID A. MCKEE.—Within the pages of this work will be found presented many of the representative members of the bar of Ohio county, and there is all of consistency in according such recognition to Mr. McKee, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession in the city of Wheeling since 1906 and whose character and ability have given him prestige and popularity in the community. He has built up a substantial general practice and is known as a resourceful trial lawyer and as a counselor fortified by thorough knowledge of the science of jurisprudence. His success in his professional work has amply justified his choice of vocation and he is one of the sterling members of the bar of the fine metropolis of West Virginia, where he is counsel for important corporations and where he retains a representative general clientage.

David Adam McKee was born at Belleville, St. Clair county, Illinois, on the 2nd of November, 1879, and is a son of David A. and Jennie (McGee) McKee. His parents are now both deceased. His father followed the vocation of a nailer, and later was a farmer in Missouri until a short time before his death, when he engaged in the grocery business. David A. McKee, Jr., to whom this sketch is dedicated, was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Illinois and Missouri, but his higher academic, as well as his professional education has been gained through his own efforts, as he has been dependent upon his own resources from an early age. He read law under the preceptorship of Thomas M. Garvin, an able member of the bar of Wheeling, and in 1906 he proved himself eligible for practice and was admitted to the bar of West Virginia. As already noted, Mr. McKee has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Wheeling since 1906, and his ability, integri-



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ty and earnest application have gained to him the confidence and good will of his professional confreres, as well as of the general public.

In politics Mr. McKee is aligned as a stalwart and effective advocate of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and on its ticket he was the regular nominee for representative of Ohio county in the house of delegates of the state legislature in the autumn of 1910, but he was unable to overcome the large and normal opposing majority and thus met defeat at the polls, at which, however, he made an excellent showing after having made a spirited campaign. He is affiliated with the local organizations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias, and he holds membership in the Second United Presbyterian church of his home city, in whose social activities both he and his wife are popular factors. He is a member of Ohio County Bar Association.

On the 8th of February, 1910, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McKee to Miss Catherine Paffenbarger, who was born and reared in Mason County, West Virginia, and who is a daughter of Henry Paffenbarger, a well known citizen of Wheeling, West Virginia, and a brother of Judge George Paffenbarger, who is presiding on the bench of the Supreme court of this state. Mr. and Mrs. McKee have no children.

G. F. SEARLS.—A man cannot mount to the top of the ladder of fame at a bound, and if he should attempt any such quick method of reaching the summit of his profession he would find that his foothold was extremely insecure and his descent would be apt to be even more rapid than his ascent. Mr. Searls, contractor and builder of Moundsville, did not attempt any such method of achieving success, but contented himself with climbing the ladder rung by rung, pausing at each step to make sure of his footing. In this way he has steadily progressed and is today regarded as one of the leaders of his profession in Moundsville.

Mr. Searls made his first appearance into the world in 1868, October 24, and Putnam county, West Virginia, was the scene of his nativity. His parents, Daniel and Mary E. G. (Pierce) Searls, were born, educated and married in Ohio, where the father followed the occupation of farming. Soon after their marriage they removed to Putnam county, West Virginia, where they reared their eight children and remained for the rest of their lives.

G. F. Searls spent the first eighteen years of his life in his native county, where he received a good common school education. At the age of eighteen he left home, crossed the river and entered the state of Ohio. He had determined to become a builder and he forthwith commenced learning the trade. For seventeen years he remained in Ohio, gradually working up in the building profession until he became his own contractor, and was one of the most successful men in his line in that section of the country, and it may be noted that success has not forsaken him. In 1903 he came to Moundsville, which he makes the hub of his activities, for his operations call him to all parts of West Virginia as well as to the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Beginning his business career as a general builder, he has now specialized and concentrated on cement and concrete structures, taking contracts for the erection of cement houses, bridges, walks, foundations, etc. Mr. Searls was shrewd enough to foresee the future there was in concrete buildings and the ever increasing demand for that kind of an edifice has shown the wisdom of his devoting his energies to that line of work.

While Mr. Searls was living in Ohio he married Miss Ella Wolf, a life-long resident of that state up to the time of her marriage, which

occurred in 1895. Their family now consists of two children, Perry F. and Yetta R., and parents and children reside in a most beautiful house built of concrete, the work of Mr. Searls' own hands.

CLEMENS E. PETERS has maintained his home in the city of Wheeling since 1895 and is numbered among its popular and essentially representative business men, the while he is known as a citizen of progressive ideas and utmost civic loyalty—one ever ready to do his part in the furtherance of measures and enterprises tending to conserve the best interests of the beautiful and thriving city in which he has elected to establish his home and in which he holds the office of secretary and treasurer of the Conservative Life Insurance Company, which is one of the strongest in the state and which controls a large and representative support.

Clemens E. Peters claims the fine old Buckeye state as the place of his nativity, as he was born at Miltonsburg, Monroe county, Ohio, on the 22nd of October, 1874. He is a son of Michael and Katherine (Claus) Peters, the former of whom is deceased and the latter is a resident of Miltonsburg. The father was a farmer and member of the German Lutheran church, and a liberal supporter of its interests; of their family of ten children eight are living.

He whose name initiates this review was reared to maturity in his native county and is indebted to the public schools for his early educational discipline, which included the curriculum of the high school and Scio College, where he studied pharmacy. As a young man he secured employment in a drug store at Wheeling, West Virginia, and he eventually engaged in this line of enterprise on his own responsibility. He conducted a drug store at No. 607 Main street, Wheeling, for several years and then turned his attention to the insurance business, in connection with which he has made an admirable record of accomplishment. He assumed his present important office, that of secretary and treasurer of the Conservative Life Insurance Company, of Wheeling, in 1907, and his efforts and progressive administrative policies have been potent in expanding and solidifying the business of this popular company. He was the promoter and organizer of this company, and secured the first application and first policy the company has to its credit. He has full charge of the management of the company's affairs, and, as above stated, the success of this company is due to his able management and enterprising efforts. The authorized capital of the company is five hundred thousand with two hundred thousand paid up capital. The company, while yet in its infancy, is holding an enviable place in the insurance world, and the first six months of 1911 show written business of over one million dollars. The company operates in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and New Jersey. In politics, though never desiring to enter the field of its practical activities, he is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church. He is an appreciative and popular member of Wheeling Lodge, No. 28, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a popular factor in both business and social circles in his home city. Mr. Peters has not as yet assumed connubial responsibilities.

ALBERT L. MEYER, secretary and treasurer of the George R. Taylor Company, is one of the progressive and public-spirited business men of Wheeling. His own career has been marked by successive promotions to larger responsibilities and achievements, and in turn he has always been a ready worker for the welfare of his city and its upbuilding to a larger importance among commercial centers.



E. B. Carney

Mr. Meyer was born at Wheeling, September 18, 1864, a son of Charles F. and Caroline (Baehr) Meyer. His youth was passed in this city, and in the Wheeling schools he acquired the education preparatory to a business career. For a number of years he was employed as book-keeper and through this avenue finally entered upon independent business. Since 1901 he has been one of the leading dry goods merchants of Wheeling, and the firm of which he was formerly secretary and treasurer and of which he is now president, is one of the largest in the city.

For the improvement of his city along broad civic lines he has been chiefly active through his membership in the Municipal League, the Business Men's Association, the Board of Trade and the Board of Charities. A Republican in national politics, he is an advocate of the commission form of government for cities. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and of the Masonic fraternity, Nelson Lodge, No. 30.

Mr. Meyer married Miss Emilie C. Rolf, a daughter of Colonel August Rolf, a retired citizen of Wheeling.

EDWARD B. CARNEY.—To no one agency is any city more indebted for its prestige than to its leading hotels, and in this respect Wheeling is favored in having as one of its leading caravansaries the Windsor Hotel, of which Mr. Carney is proprietor and manager. His success in catering to the traveling public justified the paraphrase of a familiar quotation, "Hotel men are born not made." The hotel is maintained at a high standard in all departments and receives a large and appreciative patronage, the while his genial and affable manners and unfailing courtesy have gained to him popularity of the most unequivocal order.

Mr. Carney is a native of the historic old state of Maryland, and is a scion of one of its sterling families. He was born at Mount Savage, Allegany county, on the 12th of March, 1852, and is a son of Michael J. and Martha (Tabor) Carney, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Carney was a coke manufacturer for the Mt. Savage Brick Company. Edward B. Carney is indebted to the schools of his native town for his early educational training, and when eighteen years of age he joined his stepbrother, James W. Heylman, chief engineer of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, with headquarters at Fort Scott, Kansas. Under the direction of Mr. Heylman Mr. Carney worked as level-man in connection with railway construction in Kansas and Missouri, and he remained in the west between three and four years, at the expiration of which he returned to his native state and located at Cumberland, where he was engaged in the grocery business until 1875, when he there initiated his hotel career by assuming a clerkship in the Queen City Hotel. He soon proved his ability as a successful hotel man and he remained with the hotel mentioned for a period of twelve years, at the expiration of which, in 1888, he came to Wheeling and assumed the management of the Windsor Hotel. He retained this incumbency for two years and then accepted a clerkship in the old Monongahela House, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1891, when he returned to Wheeling and effected a lease of the Windsor Hotel, which had been erected more than half a century previously. Under his control the house has been enlarged and brought up to modern standard, making it one of the commodious hostelries of the state, the while his effective management has gained to it wide popularity and representative patronage. The house now has one hundred guest rooms and the spacious dining and drawing rooms are of the most attractive appointments, as are also the lobby and office. Every department receives the punctilious supervision of Mr. Carney and the service throughout is of the best.

The hotel caters principally to the commercial trade and its rates vary from one to three dollars a day, on the European plan. Mr. Carney is one of the best known and most popular hotel men in the state and as a citizen he is progressive, optimistic and public-spirited. Large-hearted, cordial and congenial, he has gained a host of friends, and his popularity in his home city is of the most unqualified type. He is aligned as a supporter of the cause of the Democratic party and both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church. Mr. Carney is first vice-president of the Wheeling Board of Trade and served as a member of the Water Board before it came under the law of Boards of City Control. He is a member of Wheeling lodge, B. P. O. E.

On the 14th of August, 1884, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Carney to Miss Elizabeth Mong, who was born in Wheeling and who is a daughter of the late Captain Thomas H. Mong, who had the distinction of being the first oyster dealer in the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, and who later became captain of steamers plying the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, with headquarters in the city of Wheeling, where both he and his wife continued to reside until their deaths. Mr. and Mrs. Carney have two daughters, Helen, who married Dr. Charles R. Sheridan, and has one child, Philip Edward; and Bessie, at home.

E. P. RICHARDSON, the popular mayor of Cameron has spent practically all of his life in the vicinity of Wheeling, where he is well known and respected on both sides of the river. Not only has he aided the industrial and commercial enterprises of the town, but he has become identified with political and civic prosperity and improvement. There is no more public spirited man in all Cameron, nor one who has been more active in the furtherance of all matters of common betterment. A brief recital of the leading events in his life may be of interest and will serve to show that he has well earned the approbation which he has gained in this locality.

He was born at Bellaire, Ohio, December 25, 1845, and is the son of Harrison Richardson and his wife, Mildred Richardson, whose maiden name was Birdsong, both natives of Belmont county, Ohio. The date of Mr. Richardson's birth was in 1818 and that of his wife, 1820. Harrison Richardson spent his entire life in his native county, where he was identified with the business of flour milling and he was accounted one of the leading millers in the county. Seven children were born to the union of the miller and his wife, but at this time only three of the number are living, two of whom are in Marshall county.

E. P. Richardson was the second son of his parents and he passed his childhood and boyhood days at Bellaire, where he attended the public schools. The educational facilities at that time were not what they are today, but he received as a boy the best schooling that the town afforded, but before his education was completed the whole country was disrupted by reason of the impending struggle between the North and South. The lad, in common with many of his associates, was in a ferment to add his quota in aid of the cause which he believed was right and just, but he was compelled to restrain his longings to fight until he should be a little older. With such patience as he could call to his command he waited until February, 1863, at which time he was only seventeen years of age. He was, however, mature beyond his years and possessed of judgment and sense of responsibility such as a much older man might envy. He was permitted to have his way in the matter and was enrolled as a private in Company A of the Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Much to his disappointment he was not engaged in many of the hotly

contested battles which history has recorded, but he nevertheless saw and participated in much real fighting and was in addition actively engaged in following up the victories which other regiments had gained and in holding the vantage ground thus obtained—a work as necessary as any other, but not as suited to the spirits of the enthusiastic boy, eager for the excitement of battle. Although peace was declared in 1865, his company was not mustered out until the month of February, 1866, the intervening months being occupied in the work above indicated. After his honorable discharge he went back to his home at Bellaire and again pursued his studies at school until 1868, at which time he removed to Cameron and has there maintained his home up to the present time—upwards of half a century. At the time of his advent in Cameron, E. P. Richardson was but twenty-two years of age and he came with the determination to make a career for himself in the world of commerce. He forthwith engaged in the hardware business, with a tinsmith shop in connection, and he speedily became one of the leading merchants in his line. That he dealt in high class wares is evidenced by the ever increasing patronage which he gained during his twenty-nine years in the business; that his demeanor was always of the most courteous character his customers were glad to testify. His aim was to give satisfaction, as he maintained that a satisfied customer was the best advertisement a business could have. In 1897 he had achieved considerable success in his business, a success which assumed material proportions, as he had been able to amass a nice little sum of money as the result of his hard work, his good judgment and his careful management, and he sold out his store. He was at that time considered one of the most forceful business men of the town and the only compensation which his many friends experienced for his loss as a merchant was the fact that he was still to serve the people, but in another capacity. He had no idea of dropping out of things, but merely transferred his energies to the fulfillment of the duties of postmaster, to which office he was appointed in 1897. At that time Cameron was classed as a fourth grade postoffice, but before Mr. Richardson's term of four years had expired it had been lifted to the third class, where it still holds its place. His work in the postoffice was of such an aggressive character that at the next election Mr. Richardson seemed the obvious candidate of the Republican party for the office of mayor. He was elected by a large majority and the fact that he is now serving his third term is sufficient indication of the acceptable nature of his sway.

In regard to the more personal events in the life of Mr. Richardson we would say that in 1869, the year after he came to Cameron, he was happily married to Miss Martha L. McConaughy. No children were born to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, but the house was not childless, for they took to their hearts and home three orphan children, whom the couple reared with as much care and love as if they had been their own by reason of birth, as indeed they could claim them by ties of affection and devotion. Two of these children are now married and doing well, while the third is with her foster father, trying as far as possible to fill the place of the gentle wife who died in the month of March, 1908, in the fortieth year of her married life.

Mr. Richardson is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, always ready to assist in any enterprise which is planned by the local post to which he belongs. He has for years been affiliated with the ancient Masonic order, holding membership with Cameron Lodge, No. 17, Free and Accepted Masons, with Cameron Chapter, with the Wheeling Commandery, No. 1, and with the Osiris Temple. It is such men

as Mr. Richardson who have made of Cameron the go-ahead business center that it is today, and it is Mr. Richardson himself who has given to Cameron the standing which it holds today in political and civic regard.

BENJAMIN JOHN NEUHARDT is one of wheeling's successful young merchants, and his brief career in this city has brought him prominence in business and social affairs.

A native of Woodsfield, Ohio, he was born at that place April 16, 1881. His parents were H. J. and Lena (Egger) Neuhardt. He received a substantial education and then engaged in mercantile business. He is now proprietor of one of Wheeling's well known haberdashery stores and has a large trade.

Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Shrine, and is also a member of the Elks and the United Commercial Travelers. His church is the Methodist. Mr. Neuhardt married Miss Julia Eleanor Kirk, daughter of J. H. Kirk, a photographer.

CHARLES WILSON HENRY, general agent for the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company at Wheeling, has been closely identified with the citizenship of Wheeling since 1898. Civic advancement and the upbuilding of the city along the lines of a greater business and municipal community have found in him an efficient worker.

As a railroad man Mr. Henry is one of those whose career began at the telegraph keys and the routine of clerical duties, and thence by rapid promotion through the grades to one of the important offices of railroad business. He was born at Martins Ferry, Ohio, March 12, 1877, a son of James K. and Evaline (Rine) Henry. From 1883 to 1890 he attended public school in Brilliant, Ohio, and at Wheeling, and since then has been a successful scholar in the school of experience.

In 1890, at the age of thirteen, he began as telegraph operator and stenographer; in 1895 was advanced to cashier and ticket agent; became assistant agent in 1896; and was made chief clerk of the traffic department of the Wheeling & Lake Erie in 1898, in which year he located at Wheeling. His next promotion came in 1904, when he was made traveling freight and passenger agent, and in 1908 he was appointed general agent of the Wheeling office. Mr. Henry was employed for several years by the Lakeside Nail Company of Hammond, Indiana.

He is a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade and on the railroad committee of that organization. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic orders, being affiliated with the Blue Lodge at Leesville, Ohio, the Cyrene Commandery, K. T., at Wheeling, the Osiris Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Wheeling and the Wheeling Masonic Club. His church is the Christian.

Mr. Henry married, in 1903, Miss Bertha E. East. Her father, D. C. East, is a wholesale hardware merchant of Anderson, Indiana. Mr. Henry purchased his home at 39 Indiana avenue in 1904 and has since resided there.

WILLIAM EMIL KRUPP, of the Wheeling bar, is of direct German parentage and was born at Dortmund, in the province of Westphalia, Germany, December 23, 1876. When he was five years of age his father, William Krupp, immigrated to America and settled at Pittsburgh, but soon afterward removed to Dennison, Ohio. There the son entered the public schools and continued until the family removed to the adjoining twin-city, Uhrichsville, where he entered the public schools. He was



William E. Krupp



Lloyd Strope.

graduated in 1893. His subsequent literary education he received at the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. The study of law he pursued in the Ohio State University at Columbus.

Admitted to practice by the supreme court of Ohio in June, 1899, he located at Canton, Ohio, but the death of his mother and only brother caused him to give up his residence there and return home. A year later, in July, 1901, he removed to Wheeling.

Although a resident of this city for only ten years, Mr. Krupp has made a strong impression on the community. As a member of the bar he is noted for his careful preparation of cases and his solution of intricate problems. This thoroughness, care and accuracy in preparation are especially shown in his reports as commissioner in chancery for both the state and federal courts. The public has come to recognize him as one of the surest advocates of the present Wheeling bar. Though a man of aggressive character, he seldom fails to accomplish what he undertakes. His genial personality has made for him a large number of friends in Wheeling and elsewhere.

His recreation Mr. Krupp finds in his activity in the field of fraternalism, in which he has become most prominent. Although one of the active members in the organization of the University and Masonic clubs and of the local alumni society of the University of Pennsylvania, his greatest activity has been in the Masonic order, especially in the work of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Besides holding other offices, he has been master of McDaniel Lodge of Perfection, and is now master of the West Virginia Consistory. In the conferring of the several degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second he always takes a prominent part. He is past high priest of Wheeling Union Chapter, R. A. M., and for the past five years has been a member of the finance committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia. He is also a member of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076 of London, England, a lodge of English-speaking Masons chartered by the Grand Lodge of England and organized for Masonic literary and research work. Mr. Krupp's church is St. Mathew's Protestant Episcopal of Wheeling.

While a resident of Canton he was married to Miss Marie Klein, daughter of Henry C. Klein of Logansport, Indiana. Mrs. Krupp is an accomplished pianist. Two children were born of their marriage: Willa Emily and Frederick William.

LLOYD STROPE, manager and part owner of the Cameron Hardware Company, is a young man who has already shown the metal that is in him and has won the esteem and the good will of all who are brought in contact with him. It is a subject for congratulation that the young men in the state are coming to the front in such prominent manner, as it augurs well for the future prosperity of West Virginia.

Lloyd Strobe was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1876, and is the son of Thomas and Sarah J. Strobe, both natives of that section of the state. The father was of Welsh descent, but his family had for many years been American citizens. He is indebted to the public schools of his district for his early educational discipline, and after he had completed his school course, became engaged in agricultural pursuits and continued a farmer all the remainder of his life.

Lloyd Strobe, the elder of the two children, spent his early life on his father's farm and attended the district school as soon as he was of the proper age. He early learned those habits of industry and responsibility which are characteristic of a boy in his circumstances and while he was obtaining his education assisted with the farm work, remaining

at home with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age. In 1898 he became identified with the vehicle business and later became sole proprietor of the industry. At the expiration of three years he sold out in order to enter the hardware firm above mentioned. At that time, however, it was not incorporated, nor was it carried on under its present firm name. About 1889 J. I. Spragg opened a hardware store, which he operated for about three years, at which time he sold out to S. E. Leach & Company, who carried on the business under the style of Cameron Hardware Company. This business was conducted by this company for about eight years and in March, 1900, it was purchased by Lloyd Strobe, and J. I. and Harry Elbin, the name was continued as the Cameron Hardware Company, of which Mr. Strobe was elected general manager. The store is one of the leading hardware establishments in Marshall county; the store building is three stories high, forty-five by sixty feet in dimensions, and extends from one street through to the next, with a front and rear entrance, which greatly facilitates the handling of goods. The company handles every article in the hardware line demanded by the trade, and that its business has steadily increased is largely due to the efficient management of Mr. Strobe, to his courteous and gentlemanly demeanor, to his intuitive knowledge of business principles and to his specific knowledge of the hardware trade.

On the 4th of April, 1897, shortly before Mr. Strobe's connection with the vehicle business, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Null, who, like himself, was a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania. One child, Olive L., was born to the union, and her death has been the one heavy cross in an otherwise happy married life.

In addition to Mr. Strobe's connection with the Cameron Hardware Company he is vice president and director of the First National Bank of Cameron, which office he has held since 1908. He is a member of two fraternal orders, the Cameron Blue Lodge, No. 17, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Strobe has been too busy to take an active part in politics, but he is deeply interested in the public affairs of his locality and is ever on the alert to participate in movements which promise well for the betterment of the community.

ROBERT B. CLARK.—One of the substantial concerns contributing to the commercial precedence of Wheeling and enlisting the executive support of young men of distinctive progressiveness and enterprise, is the wholesale notion house of Clark, Schilling & Company, which stands well illustrative of the dominant reliability and effective management that are ever the concomitants of business success worthy of the name. He whose name initiates this paragraph is president of the firm noted and is recognized as one of the alert and representative business men of the younger generation in his native city. He is a son of Robert and Amelia (Albright) Clark, who still maintain their home in Wheeling, where the father has been long identified with business and civic activities.

Robert Baird Clark was born in Wheeling, on the 30th of November, 1876, and in the public schools he gained his early educational discipline, which included the curriculum of the high school, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1894, after which he took special branches of study in the Wheeling Business College, in order the better to equip himself for the practical duties and responsibilities of life. He gained his initial business experience in connection with local concerns and finally became a traveling salesman for a Wheeling jobbing house, with which he continued to be thus identified until the 1st of

January, 1907, when he became one of the organizers of the present wholesale firm of Clark, Schilling & Company, of which he has since been president. In the enterprise, which has been admirably managed and which has become one of most substantial order, his active associates are his younger brother, Walter B., and Robert L. Schilling, concerning each of whom specific mention is made on other pages of this work.

Mr. Clark has had no desire for political preferment of any order but gives his allegiance to the Democratic party and is progressive and public-spirited as a citizen. He is identified actively with Wheeling Council, No. 37, United Commercial Travelers of America, and is affiliated with Welcome Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

In the year 1902 was recorded the marriage of Mr. Clark to Miss Margaret DeGant, daughter of Joseph L. and Clara DeGant. Mr. DeGant is prominently identified with the glass-manufacturing industry in Wheeling, and of the two children of this union one is living, Mary Elizabeth.

WALTER B. CLARK.—As secretary and treasurer of the wholesale notion house of Clark, Schilling & Company, Mr. Clark merits consideration in this publication, and there is special interest attaching to his identification with substantial commercial interests in Wheeling by reason of the fact that he is a native son of this city in which it has been his to gain success as one of the representative young business men of the West Virginia metropolis, where his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances.

A son of Robert and Amelia (Albright) Clark, well known citizens of Wheeling, Walter Brown Clark was born in this city on the 16th of July, 1883. Reared under the gracious influences of a good home and afforded the advantages of the excellent public schools of his native city. Mr. Clark finally completed a course in the high school, in which he was graduated as a member of the class in 1900. Soon afterward he secured the position of invoice clerk in the wholesale confectionery establishment of the John W. Herbert Company, for which he later became a traveling salesman. He thus familiarized himself with the practical details of the business and gained valuable experience. He continued with this concern until January, 1907, when he became associated with his elder brother, Robert B. Clark, and with Robert L. Schilling in the organization of the present firm of Clark, Schilling & Company, of which he has since been secretary and treasurer and in the administration of the affairs of which he has shown marked enterprise and executive ability. He and his wife are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church and hold membership in the parish of St. Matthew's church, in the various departments of whose work they take an active part. In politics Mr. Clark gives allegiance to the Republican party, with naught of predilection for the activities of so-called practical politics.

In 1905 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Jean Moore, who died shortly afterward. In 1909 was solemnized his marriage to Miss Myrtle Groom, daughter of James W. and Mary Katherine (Truxell) Groom, who maintain their home in Bellaire, the father being a representative contractor, with headquarters in Bellaire, Ohio, which is virtually a suburb of Wheeling. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are popular factors in the social activities of their home city, where they have a wide circle of friends.

ROBERT L. SCHILLING.—A scion of one of the staunch old families in Virginia and of one whose lineage is traced back to German origin, Robert Lee Schilling has gained secure position as one of the representative and energetic business men of the metropolis of West Virginia, where he is junior member of the wholesale notion house of Clark, Schilling & Company, of which more specific mention is made on other pages of this publication, in connection with the sketch of the career of Robert B. Clark, president of the concern.

Robert Lee Schilling was born at historic Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, on the 16th of October, 1872, and is a son of Joseph P. and Mary (Cavalier) Schilling. His parents are now deceased. Mr. Schilling, Sr., was engaged in the mercantile business. To the public schools of his native place Robert L. Schilling is indebted for the educational discipline which he received in his boyhood and youth, and for a number of years prior to becoming one of the organizers of the firm of which he is now an interested principal he was a commercial traveling salesman for a jobbing house. He gained prestige as an efficient and popular salesman and his ability in this line has served well in his present connection, which he assumed in 1907, when he became one of the organizers of the firm of Clark, Schilling & Company. His personal popularity with the trade of the territory covered by the firm has inured substantially to the success of the enterprise, and the business is now one of substantial and representative order, with a trade ramifying throughout the territory normally tributary to Wheeling as a distributing center. Though never active in the domain of politics, Mr. Schilling gives his support to the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor, and he is one of the staunch believers in the still greater commercial and industrial precedence of Wheeling, which city has represented his home since 1889. He is a valued member of Wheeling Council, No. 37, United Commercial Travelers of America.

In the year 1900 Mr. Schilling was united in marriage to Miss Mary Barkhurst, who was born and reared at Smithfield, Ohio, and they have a fine little son, William Joseph.

RANDOLPH J. HERSEY, M. D.—A man of high professional attainments and sterling character, Dr. Hersey holds prestige as one of the representative physicians and surgeons engaged in active practice in the city of Wheeling and holds a secure place in the confidence and regard of the community in which he established his home in the year 1904 and in which he has built up a substantial and representative practice.

Dr. Randolph John Hersey was born in the city of Montreal, Canada, on the 19th of February, 1882, and is a son of John R. and Jane (Crawford) Hersey, who still maintain their home in that city, where the father is engaged in the iron business and where he is a citizen of prominence and influence. Dr. Hersey is indebted to the schools of his native city for his early educational discipline, which included a course of study in the Montreal Collegiate Institute, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898, with the degree of A. B. That his educational advantages have been of superior order is shown by the fact that he attended in turn McGill University, in Montreal, and the celebrated University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. In preparation for the practice of his chosen and exacting profession he entered the Detroit College of Medicine, in the beautiful metropolis of Michigan, where he completed the prescribed course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1904. He initiated the practice of his profession at Wheeling, where his success in his profession has been on a parity with his fine ability and where he has gained



Randolph J. Hervey

personal popularity of unequivocal order. He also gained incidental and valuable experience through his identification with the field-hospital service of the Canadian militia, and he was resident physician in Has-kins Hospital the first year of his residence in Wheeling, and the following year was appointed attending surgeon. He is identified with the Ohio County Medical Society, the West Virginia State Medical Society, and the Pittsburgh College of Physicians and Surgeons. He has actively identified himself with the civic and material interests of his home city and is a valued member of the Wheeling Board of Trade and the Wheeling Business Men's Association, each of which organizations is exerting much influence in the furthering of the commercial and social advancement of the West Virginia metropolis. Dr. Hersey holds membership in the Wheeling Press Club, the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity, and is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and the Shields of Honor. Both he and his wife are members of the Unitarian church.

On the 25th of December, 1906, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Hersey to Miss Kathryn Isabel Dobler, daughter of Roman and Meta (Hickel) Dobler, who now reside in the city of Brooklyn, New York, where the father is identified with the United States immigration service. Mrs. Hersey is a popular factor in connection with the social activities of Wheeling and presides most graciously over her attractive home, which is brightened by the presence of a winsome little daughter, Nancy Dobler Hersey.

CHARLES MORNINGSTAR has been connected with the manufacture of glass for a period of thirty-five years, all except five years of that time engaged as a glass blower. It is evident that Mr. Morningstar has gained considerable knowledge in relation to glass making, and he has shown his sagacity by limiting his operations to glass blowing, rather than engaging in all branches of the manufacture. In this age of specialization the man who concentrates on one special phase of his work—whatever it be—is more apt to realize success than the one who attempts a more wholesale knowledge and operation.

Mr. Morningstar has spent his entire life in the vicinity of Wheeling, where he was born October 27, 1860, was educated in the public schools and there learned the glass manufacturing trade. He is the son of Adam and Caroline Morningstar, both natives of Germany, who both immigrated from their fatherland in 1835, but at different times of the year. The young man and the young woman each settled in Wheeling, where they became acquainted and were married in 1851. To this union five children were born, three of whom are living—George, Charles and Mrs. Mary Zimmerman. The father was a stone cutter by trade, a business he followed for thirty-five years and subsequently he engaged in the grocery business and continued therein until his demise, in 1904. His widow still carries on the business.

Charles Morningstar is now one of the most experienced and skillful of the efficient force of men in the employ of the Fostoria Glass Company, where for thirteen consecutive years he has been engaged in glass blowing and is a master of his trade. There is a deep satisfaction in feeling that one can do the work which he has on hand as well or better than it is possible for anyone else to do it, and such satisfaction Mr. Morningstar is justified in feeling.

Mr. Morningstar has been twice married. In 1888 he was united to Miss Maggie Ault, daughter of S. J. Ault, of Dilley's Bottom, Ohio, and to this union one child, Charles, was born, now a confectioner in Wheeling. Mr. Morningstar's present wife, whom he married in 1898,

was Miss Belle, daughter of John Taylor, of Armstrong's Mills, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Morningstar have two daughters, Ellen and Clara.

Mr. Morningstar is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias fraternal order and is a worthy member of the St. Paul German Lutheran church of Wheeling. In 1906 he bought some property in Glendale, upon which he erected a fine residence, his present home. He was a member of the council of Wheeling four years, in the second branch. Mr. Morningstar is prominent among the members of the glass associations of the country, a member of the national union and for a period of ten years the president of the Flint Glass Labor Organization, during which time peace and harmony prevailed, a fact which is indicative of the wise and efficient management of its president, who has rightfully earned the recognition which has been accorded him by glass makers all over the country.

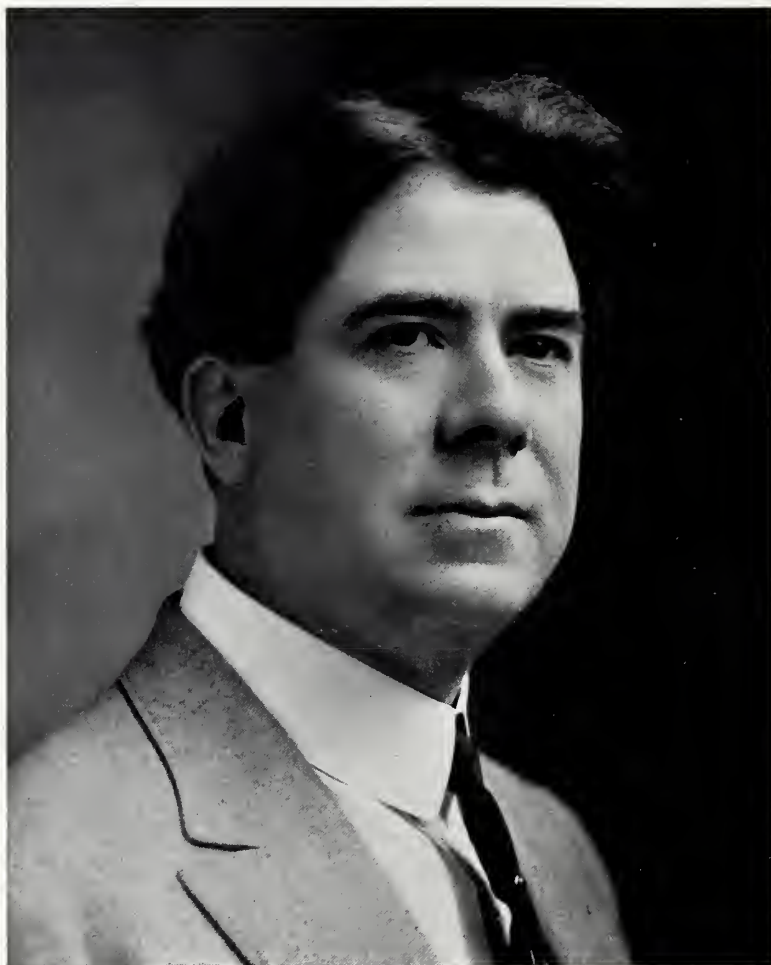
ANTHONY J. NAGER is secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Ohio Valley Lithographing Company, of which he was also one of the original incorporators. Under his energetic management this concern has become one of the largest in the state, and its trade extends to many cities and towns outside of the natural tributary area of Wheeling. Mr. Nager is an expert in this line of business, which has been his field of work and experience since boyhood, and he has a high standing among Wheeling business men.

He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, December 29, 1870, a son of Charles A. and Angelina (Schlegel) Nager. His school days were passed in the St. Francis De Sales parochial school of St. Louis, and when he left school at the age of fifteen it was to begin an apprenticeship in the lithographing and engraving trades. He followed the business in several cities and on May 1, 1904, organized the Ohio Valley Lithographing Company, and has since promoted its success in the official capacities above mentioned. The concern does all kinds of commercial work as well as fine art work in colors and high class catalogues.

Mr. Nager is a trustee of St. Michael's Catholic church in Edgington Lane, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Carroll Club. He was married to Miss Anna Raynor, daughter of William E. and Anna (Fineran) Raynor. Her father, now living retired at Erie, Pennsylvania, was for many years a railroad engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Nager are the parents of five children: Charles J., William Raynor, William Francis, Mary Virginia and Joseph Anthony.

ROY E. MORRIS, of Moundsville, is proprietor of the Mound City Printing Company. In a business which requires a high technical skill united with energetic enterprise in developing patronage, he has been more than ordinarily successful, and is regarded as one of the leading business men of Moundsville.

Mr. Morris was born at Pleasant Valley, Marshall county, West Virginia, August 26, 1889, the son of Cummins B. and Ella M. Morris. His father was a prosperous merchant of that place, but died early in life, leaving four children, Sylvia, Bert, Roy E. and Bessie (deceased). Roy E. was reared and educated at Moundsville, attending the public schools and in preparation for his career he took a course in designing and thoroughly studied the typographical art. His years of experience, together with his studied technic of the trade, have given him a front rank in his business.



Ignatius Freeman

He learned his trade at Wheeling and Moundsville and for some time was foreman of the office of the Moundsville *Herald*. Since 1902 he has been in the printing business, and in 1909 established the Mound City Printing Company. He has fine mechanical equipment, and produces as good work as can be found in the county or state.

IGNATIUS BRENNAN.—None who have the opportunity of conversing with Ignatius Brennan will long be in doubt as to the latter's possession of a full supply of the genial humor and wit for which the sons of the fair old Emerald Isle have ever been noted, and while he can not claim Ireland as the place of his nativity, his parents were both born in county Mayo, and he has not been denied his heritage, the "kindly fruits" of which are evidenced in his buoyant personality and ready appreciation of the humorous side of life. He is a native son of West Virginia and has been a resident of Wheeling since 1887, his presence having undoubtedly had due influence in creating the "Greater Wheeling," to which this publication is dedicated and devoted. Mr. Brennan was born at Greenwood, Doddridge county, West Virginia, shortly after the close of the Civil war, and, as he himself puts it, "is always for peace therefore and thereby." He is sixth son of Thomas and Catherine (Byrne) Brennan, both, as already stated, natives of County Mayo, Ireland. Apropos of this parental nativity Ignatius Brennan has vouchsafed the following statement: "This accounts for the marked emeraldness I displayed all through the days of my youth and on into manhood, and, even though practically at the high-noon of my life, I am still the possessor of a huge amount of it."

We first find Mr. Brennan, after he had accumulated all the education he couldn't possibly escape in the public schools, a full-fledged pedagogue "at the head of Arnold's Creek in Doddridge county, with a No. 1 certificate and a salary of forty-two dollars per month—the redundant two dollars having been attached to his emolument as honorarium for building fires and sweeping the school room." It required three years of this work to fit him for his next position—that of brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Two years at this work gained him promotion to the position of conductor, and in this capacity he continued to serve for seven years.

On the 14th of October, 1891, Mr. Brennan joined the order of benedicts by taking unto himself a wife, in the person of Miss Fannie C. Hughes, and he has never been greatly abashed at the connubial discipline established by Mrs. Brennan.

Touching the "productive activities" of Mr. Brennan, it may be stated that when he ceased to "conduct" as a conductor in the railway service, he was found peregrinating with characteristic eclat in the dignified office of traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house, and "doing well, thank you." Ten years of salesmanship, during which his spare moments were given to the "perusing of the sages," brought about his development into a full-fledged poet and life-insurance manager—a combination hard to beat. He enjoys the first part of the combination as a pastime, but when it comes to "paying the rent" he prefers the latter. He issued, in the spring of 1911, from the Gorman Press, of Boston, Mass., his first volume of poems, under the title of "Mountain State Gleanings," and it deserves a prominent place in every household. It is a gloom dispeller, even as is its author in person.

CHARLES AUL, head of the business of C. Aul & Son and owner of the Aul block on Chapline street, is a successful Wheeling business man

and represents a name which has been honorably identified with this city for nearly half a century.

His father, Conrad Aul, who died in this city in January, 1895, was born in Germany in 1826, and by the aid of constant industry, thorough integrity and good judgment achieved a substantial success, and in his death the community lost a valuable citizen. At the age of fifteen he came alone to America, locating at Canton, Ohio, where for a short time he continued schooling but at the same time earned his living by employment in a hotel as hostler. Later he became a coach driver. There were few railroads in the west at that time, and for several years he drove coach between Canton to Cleveland. He then moved to Pittsburgh and worked as a blacksmith in a foundry. During the war he served one year in Company G of the Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and in the fall of 1865 located permanently at Wheeling. Here he founded the dyeing and cleaning works with which his name has been identified ever since.

In politics the late Conrad Aul was a staunch Democrat. He was a member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic church, was vice president of the St. Alphonsus Society and was a member of the Wheeling Pioneer Society. He married Miss Catherine Peter, daughter of Conrad and Mary Peter, her father being a tailor in Canton. By this marriage the following children were born: John, Mary, Lena, Emma, George, Annie, Charles, Henry and Minnie.

Charles Aul, the seventh in this family, was born in Wheeling, January 19, 1870, and was educated in the parochial schools. When he was fifteen years old he began working in his father's dyeing and cleaning establishing, and soon became an expert in the business. In 1892 his father took him into partnership, and the business has since been conducted under the title of C. Aul & Son. In 1906 he built the Aul Building on Chapline street, and this is the home of one of the most modern dyeing and cleaning works in the state. Mr. Aul is also vice president of the Neuralgyline Company of Wheeling.

A progressive citizen who favors larger opportunities and civic growth for his city, Mr. Aul is an active member of the Wheeling Business Men's Association and the Board of Trade. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Carroll Club and the Arion Singing Society. His church membership is in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Mr. Aul married Miss Henrietta Marie Schwertfeger, daughter of Fred and Lena Schwertfeger, her father being a dry-goods merchant in Wheeling. They have three children, Kathryn, Helena and Lucile.

MALCOLM D. FLEMING.—One of the distinct functions of this historical publication is to accord recognition of specific order to those who stand forth as sterling and representative business men of the city of Wheeling, and well worthy of such consideration is Mr. Fleming, who has maintained his home in the West Virginia metropolis since 1905 and who here conducts a large and prosperous merchant-tailoring business, in which he caters to an appreciative and representative patronage. He is a factor in progressive movements looking to the furtherance of the material and social prosperity of his home city and he has impregnable vantage place in the confidence and regard of the community with whose interests he has closely identified himself.

Like many other prominent business men of Wheeling, Malcolm Densmore Fleming claims the fine old Keystone state as the place of his nativity, and his ancestry in the paternal line is traced back to

staunch Scottish origin, while the maternal lineage is of German extraction. He was born at Centerhall, Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 22nd of August, 1879, and is a son of Julian Alonzo and Mary Ellen (Fleisher) Fleming, the former a native of the Empire state and the latter of Pennsylvania. J. A. Fleming is a traveling salesman and has followed this vocation for many years. His residence at the present time is Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Fleming is deceased. He to whom this sketch is dedicated is indebted to the public schools of his native town for his early educational advantages, and at the age of seventeen years he entered upon an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade in one of the leading establishments in the city of Baltimore. He became a skilled workman at his trade and acquired special facility as a cutter, a fact that has been duly appreciated by his many patrons in Wheeling. He was employed for seven years at his trade in one establishment in Baltimore, from which city he came to Wheeling in 1905. Here he has been notably successful in his independent business operations, and he has entered fully into the progressive spirit that has compassed the rapid advancement of Wheeling along material and civic lines within the past decade. He is a valued member of the local Board of Trade, the Business Men's Association and the Municipal League, and while he has never become "implicated" in practical politics he accords a staunch allegiance to the cause of the Republican party. He is an appreciative member of the Scottish Rite bodies of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, besides which he holds membership in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Vance Memorial Presbyterian church, and he is assistant superintendent of its Sunday school.

On the 8th of July, 1903, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Frances Weaver, who was born and reared at Urbana, Ohio, where her father, the late Henry Weaver, was a representative business man. Her mother, whose maiden name was Emma Boal, now resides in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, who accord to her the utmost filial solicitude. They have no children.

SOLOMON E. CROW, although a young man, has already shown the people of Cameron that he is possessed of no inconsiderable ability and executive force, from the manner in which he has handled the shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, where he serves in the capacity of foreman. A man in this country is judged by his friends and acquaintances according to what he has accomplished; in the old country people still want to know who and what a man's father was, but in Virginia, as in the other states of the Union, a man cannot rest on his father's deeds, but if he would be well thought of he must himself bring things to pass.

Solomon E. Crow was born January 24, 1884, in the state of Illinois, and is the son of S. P. and Margaret (Williard) Crow. After his marriage the father took up his residence in the Prairie state, later locating at Webster, Pennsylvania, where, after he had only lived a short time, his demise occurred in 1891. His widow, who is still living and makes her home with her son, S. E. Crow, was born in 1860, near Greensburg, Greene county, Pennsylvania, and is the daughter of Washington J. and Eliza (Miller) Williard. The father was a miller by trade, an occupation which he followed all of his life; of his three children Mrs. Crow and Mrs. S. T. Rider, of Washington, Pennsylvania, are twins. Mrs. Margaret Crow is the mother of five children, three living, namely: Edgar W., of Cameron, who is identified with the Baltimore

& Ohio Railroad; Solomon E., the immediate subject of this sketch; and Frances, who married D. L. Wilson, who is now living in Fairmont, West Virginia, and they have two children, Harry F. and Ernest. In 1892 Mrs. Crow and family moved to Cameron, where her children were educated, and where she has continued to reside.

Solomon E. Crow, together with his brother and sister, was educated in the public schools of Cameron, whither the family had moved the year following the death of Mr. Crow, as above stated. The boy was only seven years old when he was deprived of his father's loving care, and had just started to attend school in Webster, Pennsylvania; but as soon as the family located in Cameron he worked very hard at his studies, that he might learn as much as was possible during the few years that his mother would be able to keep him in school. The widow had very little money and could not give her children as thorough an education as she would have liked, but each one made such excellent use of the opportunities offered that he was not handicapped in any way in after life; on the contrary, all have made excellent progress in life's battle. When Solomon E. was sixteen years old, in order that he might assist in the family support, he left school and entered the shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. There he not only gave early evidence of his mechanical skill, but also showed that he was one of those men who have executive ability. In 1903, after three years of faithful service, he was appointed foreman of the shops, and the fact that he has held the position ever since that time is sufficient indication of his entire fitness for its responsibilities. During the eleven years that he has been in the employ of the road Mr. Crow has not only performed his duties in a most exemplary fashion, but has secured the good will of the men in his charge, by which means he has gained more effective work for his corporate employer. As to his private and domestic life, mother and son live together in a peaceful home, enjoying all the comforts of life and many of its luxuries, and are looking forward to the future with happy confidence.

ROBERT M. ADDLEMAN.—There have been no periods of retrocession in the professional career of this representative member of the bar of the city of Wheeling, for he has been indefatigable and earnest in his chosen field of endeavor and has brought to bear admirable intellectual and technical powers, with the result that he has gained secure prestige as a versatile advocate and well fortified counselor.

Robert Milligan Addleman is another of the sterling and highly esteemed citizens of Wheeling who can claim the fine old Keystone state as the place of his nativity, and he is a representative of families whose names have long been identified with the annals of that commonwealth. He was born at Clarksville, Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of July, 1866, and is a son of Solomon and Nancy (Hill) Addleman, both of whom were likewise natives of Pennsylvania. The father devoted the major portion of his active life to the vocation of farming and both he and his wife were residents of Clarksville at the time of their deaths. They were folk of sterling attributes of character and ever commanded the unequivocal confidence and esteem of those who knew them. Of their children two sons and three daughters are now living.

To the public schools of his native county Robert M. Addleman is indebted for his early educational training, and by the same his ambition for wider scholastic discipline was definitely quickened, as shown by the fact that he thereafter prosecuted his higher academic studies in Waynesburg College and Bethany College, excellent educational institu-



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tions of his native state and West Virginia. After leaving the above colleges Mr. Addleman devoted his attention to preparing himself for the legal profession. He accordingly entered the law department of the celebrated University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1895, and from which he received his well earned degree of Bachelor of Laws. With a well disciplined mind and a thorough knowledge of the science of jurisprudence, Mr. Addleman proved admirably fortified for the practical work of his chosen vocation, and his success therein offers the best voucher for his ability and for his strong and loyal character, which has made him an observer of the highest professional ideals and enabled him to honor and dignify the exacting calling to which he has devoted himself with all of zeal and earnestness. He was admitted to the bar of West Virginia in the autumn of 1895 and has since that time been actively engaged in general practice in the city of Wheeling, where he has retained a representative clientele and been identified with much important litigation in the various courts. He never presents a case before court or jury without careful preparation and he has many distinctive forensic victories to his credit. He has never been a seeker of political preferment but has been a zealous and effective advocate of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor and is an influential factor in its local ranks. He has served as city solicitor of Wheeling but has held no office aside from this, which is in direct line with the work of his profession, except that of chairman of the Republican Congressional committee of the First Congressional District of West Virginia, and of which he is the present incumbent. In the time honored Masonic fraternity he has received the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and of this body he is an active and appreciative member, also a charter member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 344. He is a member of the State Bar Association, and also of the Ohio County Bar Association. He is broad-minded, progressive and public-spirited as a citizen and has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of the West Virginia metropolis, where his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances.

On the 7th of October, 1896, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Addleman to Miss Margaret Jobes, daughter of Rev. Campbell Jobes, who is a clergyman of the Christian church and who now resides at Bethany, West Virginia.

ALEXANDER O. MAXWELL.—Another of the native sons of Ohio county who claims the Old Dominion of Virginia as the place of his nativity and yet who was born within the confines of the present state of West Virginia, which was segregated from the mother state a few years after his birth, is Alexander Orr Maxwell, who is recognized as one of the substantial and progressive business men of Wheeling, where he has been secretary of the Bloch Brothers Tobacco Company from the time of its organization, in 1890. This is one of the largest manufacturing concerns of its kind in the United States, and in the administration of its extensive business Mr. Maxwell has proved a most able executive.

Alexander Orr Maxwell was born at Roney's Point, Ohio county, Virginia, now West Virginia, on the 1st of February, 1858, and is a son of John D. and Margaret (Pierson) Maxwell, natives of Ohio county, West Virginia. The father devoted the major part of his active career to the vocation of farming and the mercantile business, and their home was in Wheeling. The death of Mr. Maxwell occurred in 1907 at the age of ninety-two. He whose name initiates this article gained his early

educational discipline in the public schools of Wheeling, and at the age of fourteen years he entered upon an apprenticeship at the printer's trade. He gained due familiarity with the mysteries of the "art preservative of all arts" and continued to be identified with the same for several years. Later he was concerned with mercantile enterprises, as salesman and accountant, and in 1888 he entered the employ of Bloch Brothers, in the wholesale manufacturing tobacco business. With this leading commercial concern of Wheeling he has continued to be actively identified during the intervening period of nearly a quarter of a century, and when the business was reorganized and incorporated under the present title of the Bloch Brothers Tobacco Company, in 1890, Mr. Maxwell became one of the stockholders of the company, of which he has since continued the incumbent of the office of secretary.

In politics he is aligned as a supporter of the cause of the Republican party but the honors and emoluments of political office have not appealed to him. He is essentially progressive, however, as a citizen and takes a lively interest in all that touches the general welfare of his home city. He served consecutively from 1892 to 1906 as a member of the board of school commissioners of Ohio county, in which body he effectively represented the Madison district. In a fraternal way he is identified with Ohio Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On the 5th of October, 1881, Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Clementine A. Loomis, daughter of the late Henry J. Loomis, of Wheeling, West Virginia, and the five children of this union are John Alexander, Harold Cook, Lillian B., Edna G. and Margaret Clementine. Lillian B. is now the wife of Ernest E. Weiss of Toledo, Ohio.

PETER HORAN, master mechanic for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, is holding one of the many responsible positions which any railroad must have. To be a "master" of anything involves a thorough knowledge of the details and also the ability to superintend others. As a general thing the best soldier will make the best officer and so it is in regard to mechanics. The best workman is apt to make the best master, for he not only knows the way things should be done, but he also understands the difficulties. Mr. Horan, having learned all about machinery in general and engines in particular during his years of service is thoroughly equipped for the responsible position he now holds.

He was born at Fairmont, West Virginia, August 11, 1871, and is the son of Michael and Mary (Giblen) Horan, natives and life-long residents of Fairmont. Michael Horan was a railroad man and died in his native town in 1875. His widow is still living, as are two of the three children who were born to Mr. and Mrs. Horan. Their daughter, Mary, is now the wife of Mr. A. Harth, of Wheeling, West Virginia. Michael died at the age of twenty-one years.

Peter, the only surviving son of his parents, attended the schools at Fairmont and later went to Wheeling to continue his education. He had the desire to follow in his father's steps and become a railroad man; he had from a child shown evidence of possessing mechanical ability and as soon as he left school he entered the Baltimore and Ohio shops in Wheeling in order to learn the machinist's trade. In 1889, after he had worked in the shops for six years, the railroad transferred the shops to Glenwood, Pennsylvania. Peter had by this time thoroughly mastered his trade and had the opportunity of going to Glenwood, but he was desirous of being at home with his people and they agreed that he was too young (only eighteen) to be thrust on his own resources away from them all. Not being able to secure a position in his own line, that is, as

a machinist, he took a position of firing on the road. This, though it took him away during his runs, made it possible for him to still make his home with his family. After five years in this position, in 1894, when he was only twenty-three years of age, the Company felt that they were justified in promoting him to take charge of an engine. That he continued to hold the office of engineer for seven years is proof that the railroad company was not mistaken in its estimate of his steadiness and his reliability. In 1901 he voluntarily resigned the position to please his wife, who feared for the safety of his life. He went back to his trade, still being employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; for three years he held the position of night foreman in their shops at Benwood and in 1904 he was promoted to his present office of master mechanic at Cameron. This point on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is used as a "helping station," that is, trains are there re-enforced by doubling engines to assist in drawing cars over the heavy grades. In addition to the management of this coupling of engines the Cameron station does all kinds of repair work and for this double service a corps of twenty-five men is required, superintended by Mr. Horan.

In 1895, the year after Mr. Horan was promoted to the position of engineer, he was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Corcoran, a native of Cameron, West Virginia. During the years which followed their marriage Mrs. Horan felt an increasing nervousness in regard to her husband's safety during his trips. She would have liked to have him at home more, but it was the fear that he might be killed that made her so anxious that he should quit the dangerous life of an engineer. She was delighted when he finally yielded to her solicitations and gave up the road. No children have been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Horan.

Peter Horan is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic church, the faith in which he was baptized and trained. He is still a young man and inasmuch as he has heretofore performed all duties in a satisfactory manner he has fitted himself for any higher positions that may be offered to him in later years.

JOHN A. BLUM.—Engaged in the wholesale saddlery business in Wheeling for nearly forty years, Mr. Blum has long held prestige as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of the West Virginia metropolis and has shown a lively interest in all that has tended to conserve the upbuilding of the larger and greater Wheeling, the while he has secure vantage place in the confidence and esteem of the community that has ever represented his home.

John Adam Blum was born in Wheeling on the 20th of January, 1861, and is a son of John Adam and Eveline (Renner) Blum, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Maryland. The parents continued to maintain their home in Wheeling until their deaths and the father was long and prominently identified with business activities in this city, where he is well remembered as a man of strong character and impregnable integrity in all the relations of life. Both he and his wife were devout communicants of the Catholic church, under whose benignant training their children were reared. Of a family of seven children one son and one daughter are now living.

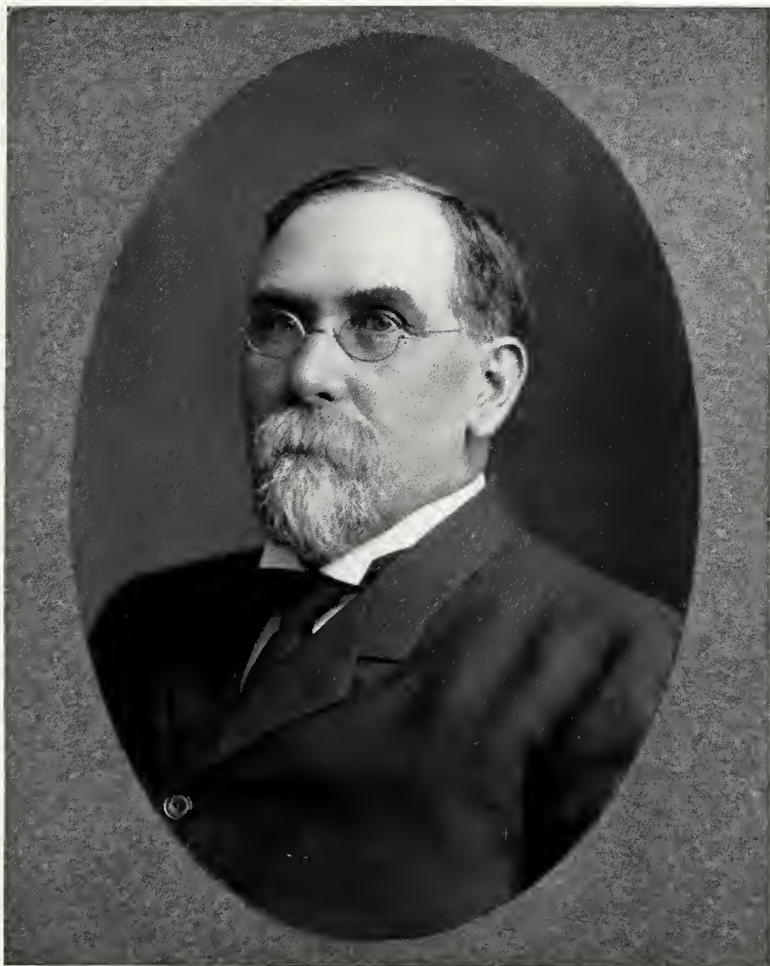
He to whom this sketch is dedicated gained his early educational training in the parochial school of St. Alphonsus' church and supplemented this by an effective course in the Wheeling Business College. He has been identified with the wholesale saddlery business since 1875, having initiated his services in a modest capacity and having advanced to the

control of an enterprise of broad scope and importance. He has shown much initiative and constructive ability in the upbuilding of his extensive business and is known as one of the energetic, reliable and progressive business men of Wheeling, even as he is recognized as a citizen of loyalty and sterling attributes of character. He is a member of the directorate of the Home Fire Insurance Company, and is now serving as a member of the city council, in which he represents the Fifth ward, and he is a valued and liberal member and supporter of the Associated Charities of Wheeling. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he holds membership in the Carroll and Columbia Clubs, leading social organizations of Wheeling. He and his wife are devout and zealous communicants of the Catholic church, in which they hold membership in St. Alphonsus' parish, with which he has been identified from his boyhood days.

On the 24th of September, 1884, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Blum to Miss Teresa Miller, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of the late Casper and Gertrude Miller, staunch and honored old German residents of Wheeling at the time of their death. Mr. and Mrs. Blum have four children, Loretta, who is now the wife of William J. Wingerter, of Wheeling, and has one child, Helen; and Eveline, Ruperttha and John Adam, Jr.

JAMES BREWER SOMMERVILLE.—The bench and bar of West Virginia have ever been maintained at a high standard of dignity and ability—both during its existence as a sovereign commonwealth of the Federal Union and also at the time when it was still an integral part of the historic Old Dominion of Virginia. There can be naught of inconsistency in referring in this connection to the status of James B. Sommerville as one of the distinguished and most essentially representative members of the bar of his native state, and he has here been engaged in the active practice of his profession for thirty-three years, during a quarter of a century of which time he has maintained his home and professional headquarters in the city of Wheeling, where he controls at the present time a large and important general practice and where he has gained special precedence as one of the able corporation lawyers of the state. As solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for its lines west of Pittsburgh he has entire charge of its legal affairs in his home state and his interposition has also been frequently called for in connection with its interests in other states. Mr. Sommerville is a man of broad intellectuality and high professional attainments, stands exponent of the most loyal and progressive citizenship, and his character is the positive expression of a strong individuality. His sterling integrity of purpose has been shown in all the relations of life, and there has been in his career no compromise with wrong or injustice for the sake of personal expediency, so that he has naturally gained impregnable vantage ground in popular confidence and regard, as has been shown by his having been chosen for service in both branches of the legislature of his native state. In short, it may be said that in his case there can be no application of the Scriptural aphorism that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

West Virginia was still a part of the state of Virginia at the time when Mr. Sommerville was here ushered into the world. He was born near Bethany, the seat of Bethany College, Brooke county, West Virginia, on the 5th of June, 1852, and is a son of William M. and Margaret A. (Steele) Sommerville, the former a native of Harrison county, West Virginia, and the latter of Belmont county, Ohio, both being representa-



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tives of staunch and influential old families of Virginia, where both were founded in the colonial era of our national history. The lineage of both families is traced back to sterling English origin, and representatives of both were found aligned as patriot soldiers of the Continental forces in the war of the Revolution. William M. Sommerville became an agriculturist and teacher of Brooke and Ohio counties, where he was a citizen of prominence and influence. He was a man of exceptional brilliancy of mind, self-educated, a fine orator and one of the best educators of his day. At the time of the Civil war he gave his allegiance to the cause of the Confederacy, and in politics he was ever a stalwart in the camp of the Democratic party. Both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist church and he passed the closing years of his life in Portland, Oregon, and she in Ohio county, West Virginia. He was in his eighty-sixth year of age at the time of his death, and his wife, a woman of most gracious personality, was summoned to eternal rest at the age of fifty-four years. Of their seven children five attained to years of maturity and the three sons and two daughters are now living.

James B. Sommerville passed his boyhood and youth in his native county, to whose common schools he is indebted for his early educational discipline, and this period of life was marked by exceptional conditions, at this section of the country was then the stage of action on the part of the contending forces in the Civil war, concerning which he retains vivid recollections. After completing the curriculum of the public schools Mr. Sommerville entered the West Virginia State Normal School, at West Liberty, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1873. In 1875-6 he took a special course in Bethany College, located about sixteen miles north of Wheeling and renowned by reason of the fact that its first president was Rev. Alexander Campbell, founder of the religious organization known as the Disciples of Christ, or Campbellites, and now designated as the Christian church. For a period of five years Mr. Sommerville devoted his attention to teaching in the schools of his home state, and in the meanwhile he instituted the work of preparing himself for the profession in which he has achieved so much of distinction and success. He began the study of law under effective private preceptorship and made rapid progress in his absorption and assimilation of the science of jurisprudence, with the result that he proved himself qualified for and was admitted to the bar, in Brooke county, in 1878. He initiated the active practice of his profession in 1879, at Wellsburg, Brooke county, where he won his spurs in his chosen vocation and where he continued his endeavors until 1887, when he removed to Wheeling, the metropolis of the state, where he has since continued in practice and where he has gained secure place as one of the leading members of the bar of his native commonwealth.

In offices of public trust Mr. Sommerville has acquitted himself with characteristic ability and honor, and his services in this line began when he was but twenty-four years of age. This was in 1876, when he was elected to represent Brooke county in the house of delegates of the state legislature, in which he had the distinction of being the youngest member. Such involuntary distinction, however, did not sum up his claims to consideration, for he proved a most active, resourceful and valued member of the lower house, in which he was assigned to the committees on elections, privileges, education and enrolled bills. On the 4th of April, 1881, further honors came to him, in his appointment, by Governor Jackson, as a member of the board of regents of the State Normal School, including his alma mater, and he continued incumbent

of this position until 1885. In that year he became a member of the board of regents of the state institute for the deaf, dumb and blind, at Romney, under appointment by Governor Wilson, but he resigned this position in the following year, in which the governor appointed him a regent of the University of West Virginia, in which office he continued to serve, with all of earnest zeal, for a period of eight years, having been re-appointed by Governors Fleming and McCorkle. His interest in the educational affairs of the state has continued to be of the most vital order, and he has done much to further its cause, as well as others tending to advance the material and civic progress and prosperity of the state. In 1885 further political preferment came to him, in his election to represent the First senatorial district in the state senate, this district comprising the important counties of Hancock, Brooke and Ohio. He was thus a member of the senate in the last session of the legislature held in Wheeling, and also served in the session (1887) first held in Charleston, the present capital. In the session of 1885 he was assigned to membership on the important judiciary committee of the senate and also to the committees on public buildings, humane institutions, forfeited and unappropriated lands, public libraries and education, in each of which connection his influence was potent and benignant. In the session of 1887 he was on the committee on railroads, judiciary, finance claims, and grievances, and chairman of the committee on education. He was the leader of the Democratic caucus forces in the senate and this body gave him a number of votes for United States senator, though he had made no effort to secure consideration in this connection. In addition to his large general practice, which has involved his appearance in many important litigations in the state and federal courts, Mr. Sommerville has been, since 1899, solicitor for the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburgh and has done much important work in behalf of this great railway system. His reputation in his profession is not circumscribed by the limitations of his home state, which he has dignified and honored by his character and services.

A man of broad intellectual ken and well fortified opinions, Mr. Sommerville takes a lively interest in public affairs and keeps in touch with the dominant questions and issues of the hour. The basic principles on which the staunch old Democratic party was founded have ever appealed to him as representing the best co-ordinated forces of the government of the nation and he has been a most effective advocate of these principles and policies as exemplified by Jefferson and Jackson. He has, however, not countenanced the modern heresies represented in the populist doctrine of the "perpetual candidate" whose defeat for the presidency through the interposition of the Democratic party and its gregarious allies of latter days, has been repeatedly compassed. He is a member of the Municipal League of Wheeling, and both he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

Mr. Sommerville was married to Agnes G. Hosie, on the 13th of May, 1879. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, January, 1, 1859, and is a daughter of Robert and Margaret C. Hosie. Her father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and her mother was born in Ireland. Both were persons of high character and of unusual intellectual endowments and intelligence.

WILLIAM F. CROW, M. D.—There is no profession that is fraught with more responsibility than the medical and no profession needs more knowledge, training and culture than this same medical profession. In addition to this the suitability of the man himself must be taken into consideration, for without such suitability he cannot hope to be success-

ful. A doctor must not only know medical terms and remedies and be conversant with the latest discoveries of his colleagues, but he must know men. He must study psychology as well as physiology. As a matter of fact the true physician is never graduated, but is always a student. Dr. Crow is a physician who comes up to all the requirements mentioned above. By nature, adaptability, training, education and experience he is a physician who is a success in his practice.

William F. Crow was born at Fort Ridge, Marshall county, West Virginia, November 23, 1865. His father, Martin Crow, was also born in Marshall county, as was his wife, Eveline Davis. They had three children, two of whom are living now, Mrs. B. W. Allen and the Doctor. Martin Crow died in 1881, but his widow is still living and is eighty-one years old. William's grandfather was Jacob Crow, whose wife was Demarius Terrell, and who was one of the first settlers in Marshall county. He owned an extensive farm on Grave Creek, where he lived until his death, at the age of ninety-two. His wife's family, the Terrells, were also of ancient lineage and came from Connecticut originally. They were related to the family to which General Sherman belonged. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Crow had twelve children. The Crow family originally came from Holland, being one of the old Dutch families in Marshall county. They have for the most part been successful farmers and have always been loyal citizens.

William Crow was brought up on his father's farm and educated in the country schools of his district. After his public school course he entered the West Liberty State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1891. He had previously taught at West Liberty and on his graduation he continued in the pedagogical field, teaching at Glen Easton. He had by this time decided that he wanted to be a physician, and to that end he read and studied medicine during the last two years of his teaching. He then took a medical course in the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in June, 1894. He immediately returned to his home in Glen Easton and began to practice medicine. He is the only physician in the town, nor do the people feel the need of any other, as the Doctor satisfies all classes. He is a member of the West Virginia Eclectic Medical Society and is also an enthusiastic and active member of the Tutmonda Esperanto Kuracistou Association and is a charter member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of Glen Easton. The Doctor is a young man still and he probably has many years of usefulness before him. He is devoted to his profession, ever eager to learn more, and his patients to a unit are devoted to him. Part of the province of a modern doctor is to educate the people in right methods of living, so that the chances of sickness are less. Dr. Crow has exerted this prerogative, so that under his care Glen Easton is a wonderfully healthy place. He is a man who does a great deal of good, without making any display of his goodness.

HERBERT C. OLMSTEAD, one of Wheeling's active and public-spirited business men, has lived in this city all his life and for a number of years has been identified with its commercial life.

He was born in Wheeling, August 19, 1874, a son of F. E. and Mary (House) Olmstead. His education he obtained during attendance at the Wheeling public schools. In the wholesale paper business he has been very successful. He began his business career as a wholesale paper dealer in May, 1896, under the firm name of Olmstead Brothers, composed of A. F. and Herbert C. Olmstead. In March, 1903, the business was incorporated under the name of Olmstead Brothers Company,

but the senior brother withdrew in September, 1906. The official board consists of C. A. House, president; H. C. Olmstead, vice-president and manager; and M. A. Jones, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Olmstead is a member of the Elks Club and the United Commercial Travelers. His church is the Methodist Episcopal. By his marriage to Miss Grace Alberta Porter he has one son, Herbert F.

FRANK D. SIGAFOOSE is one of the leading merchants of Moundsville, agent of the Adams Express Company and a reliable, able and worthy citizen of West Virginia. He was born in the city where he has made this record; there he was also reared and educated and, until 1897, had held various clerical positions with the local merchants. This experience gave him an intimate acquaintance with the tastes and needs of the community, so that when he embarked in his independent enterprise, in the year named, it was with a full knowledge of both local advantages and drawbacks. His progress has therefore been steady and certain, as he has not been obliged to indulge in unprofitable experiments.

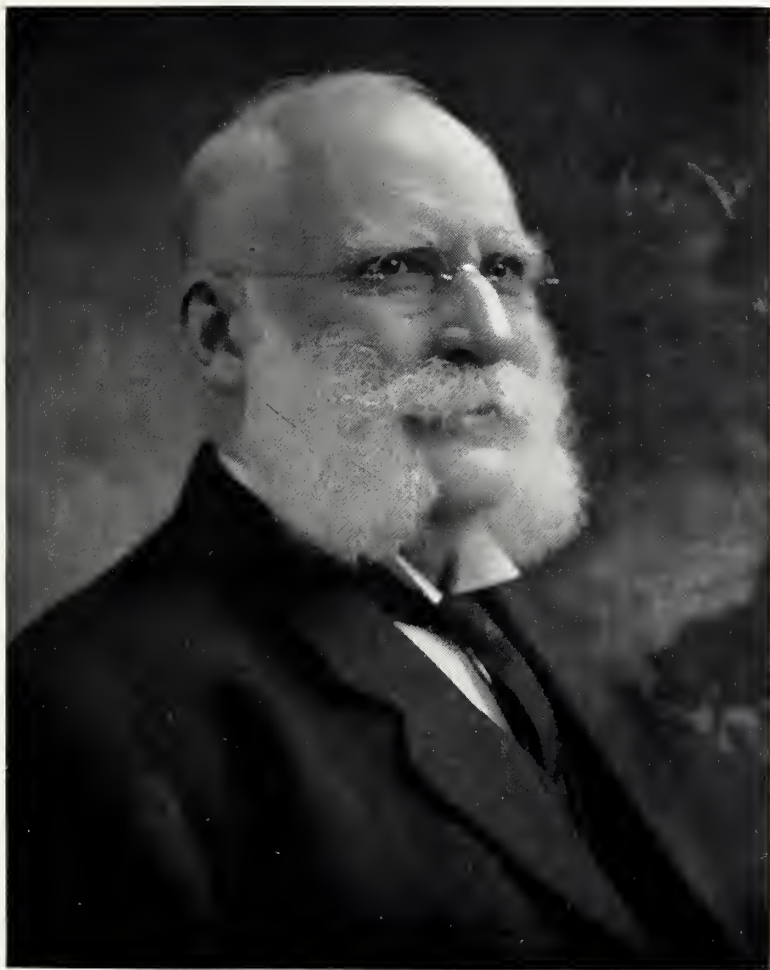
Mr. Sigafoose carries a full line of merchandise of the best assortment and of the latest varieties. In addition to his general stock he makes a specialty of wall paper, one entire room being devoted to that department. His store is thirty-nine by eighty feet in dimensions, its interior being tastefully and unsparingly furnished. Both naturally and by broad experience, the proprietor is most admirably adapted to manage and develop such a business, which has logically become highly profitable and a public credit. Mr. Sigafoose has been agent, continuously, of the Adams Express Company since 1909, having previously served in that office during short periods, becoming first connected with the express company in 1906. As a matter of course the local business has materially increased under his management and stimulus. These enterprises, with the adequate performance of his social and fraternal functions, mark him as one of the busiest and most broadly useful citizens of Moundsville.

Mr. Sigafoose represents, as to his ancestry, an old Pennsylvania family. He is a son of George and Mary (Rulong) Sigafoose, his father having been a native of the Keystone state, where he was reared and educated and long served the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. He was the father of six children, who, at his death in 1884, were left in tender years to the loving care of the widowed mother. The latter was of a Virginia family, which had been planted in the Old Dominion by a German ancestor who immigrated to that section of the United States in 1840.

In 1899 Mr. Sigafoose married Miss Margaret R., daughter of C. C. Matthews, and there were born of their union Mary M., Esther T., Frank M. and Clara V. Mr. and Mrs. Sigafoose have a wide acquaintance among the best people of Moundsville, and are actively identified with the work and growth of the First Methodist church, of which the former is steward. Mr. Sigafoose is also identified with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, National Union and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

LOUIS JACOB BAYHA, of the German Bank of Wheeling, is, in point of service, probably the oldest banker in the city. He has been identified with this one institution forty-one years, thirty-six years of that time as cashier.

Mr. Bayha is a well known resident of Wheeling, where he has spent all his life in honorable relations with business and civic affairs.



Louis J. Payha

He was born at Wheeling, April 3, 1841, a son of Louis J. and Elizabeth C. (Eckhart) Bayha. His education was acquired in the schools of this city, and on April 1, 1870, he entered the German Bank as general bookkeeper. From this position he was promoted, in 1875, to cashier, and has served continuously in that capacity to the present time.

Mr. Bayha is an active member of the First English Evangelical Lutheran church, and has been church treasurer since March 1, 1888. He married Miss Mary M. Tiemann. She is a daughter of John Henry and Sophia Tiemann, of Wheeling. Her father was formerly a jeweler and manufacturer of surgical instruments in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Bayha have had three children: George Eugene (deceased), Louisa Georgiana and Laura E. (deceased). Mr. Bayha is a staunch Republican in politics.

THE ARMSTRONG SAND COMPANY, which company is the largest business of the kind in Wheeling, has been developed through the enterprising ability of the three brothers who compose the firm. The largest contracts in this vicinity have been furnished by the company, who have unsurpassed facilities for the work. Their equipment includes steam dredges and other modern machinery for dredging and supplying of all kinds of river sand and gravel, and their operations employ a large amount of capital and labor, so that the business is one of the noteworthy resources of Wheeling, and the firm is one of the important members composing the Wheeling Board of Trade.

The firm is a partnership composed of William H., Walter M. and Charles L. Armstrong, all well known citizens and active business men of Wheeling.

William H. Armstrong was born in this city in 1862, a son of William and Mary A. (Marshall) Armstrong. He was educated in the public schools and in Linsly Institute, and for many years has been identified with the river activities. He is a licensed pilot and captain of tow-boats, and in his present business is captain and pilot of the steam dredge "Catherine." He is a member of the Methodist church and in politics is Republican.

Walter M. Armstrong, manager of the Armstrong Sand Company, was born at Wheeling in 1868, and was educated in the public schools. He is also a Methodist and Republican. He married Miss Mary V. Henthorn, daughter of D. O. C. and Delilah (Rush) Henthorn. Her father was a stone-mason of Hannibal, Ohio. They have four children, Catherine, Margaret, Fannie and Walter Wilson.

Charles L. Armstrong, the youngest of the brothers, is an engineer by profession. He was born in this city in 1875, and received his early education in the public schools. He is a Methodist and Republican. He married Miss Ethel Rush, daughter of John Rush, of Bellaire, Ohio. They have two children, William and Mary A.

CAPTAIN JACOB E. ISRAEL.—Perhaps there is no man better known in Moundsville and vicinity than the one whose name heads this biography. The years of his life have been many and eventful, but when we try to write in detail an account of the various adventures and experiences through which he has passed during a period of more than eighty years our minds fail to grasp the breadth of the happenings and we are lost in wonder and amazement. Yet, after all the true record of a man's life lies not so much in the separate deeds that he has performed as in what the man has been able to make of himself—his character;

not those things of which he has been dreaming, but that which he has wrought out in his better self and nobler life. These are facts which it is impossible to record, as it is necessary to personally know the man himself in order to appreciate his worth, but it affords us great pleasure to offer the following account of some of the events in the life of the worthy Captain.

Mr. Israel was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, on St. Valentine's day, 1824. He is the youngest of a family of seven children, the father, Isaac Israel, and the mother Mary (Turner) Israel, both also natives of Clarksburg. The family was wealthy, owning considerable landed property, and were regarded as citizens of worth. When Jacob E. had attained his sixth year he accompanied the family to Moundsville, where he remained for the ensuing four years, attending the schools of the neighborhood. In 1834 he returned to Harrison county, West Virginia, and for a short time made his home with his brother-in-law, Eli Marsh, and entered the Clarksburg school. He soon returned to Moundsville and there continued his education, with the idea of remaining permanently in that town. His was, however, a restless temperament, ever ready for change and movement, and while still a young man he went to Iowa, where he learned the brickmaker's trade and later became a contractor and builder of considerable ability and reputation. He finally returned to Moundsville, where he still resides, and for a period of fifty years he was connected in some manner with building and contracting. He was very observant and was in advance of the age in which he lived. When coal was discovered in different parts of the country adjacent to Wheeling his observations told him that there was coal in the hills around Moundsville and soon this statement was realized, for a few years later coal was discovered and mined in paying quantities.

He was a lover of nature and of woodcraft. His delight was to hunt, and in particular to hunt foxes; it was a great source of pleasure to him to pit his superior knowledge and experiences against the cunning instincts of the crafty little animal he was pursuing. Even now, at the age of eighty-seven, he can sit a horse with more ease and grace than many younger men. In 1830 his first appearance was made in Moundsville, and the Indians at that time were as numerous in the vicinity as school children around a play-ground at recess, and he has had many interesting experiences with these same Indians. During his residence in Moundsville he became acquainted with General Taylor, afterwards president of the United States. The General and his party were on their way from Alexandria to Washington, via Wheeling; it was the winter season and in coming up the Ohio river the party were frozen nine miles below Moundsville. Captain Israel went to their rescue and after supplying them with the necessary aid they proceeded on their way full of thankfulness to their kind assistant.

In 1857 Mr. Israel enlisted in the Mexican war, as lieutenant, under General Wool, but a sudden attack of sickness prevented him from serving and he returned north without experiencing the horrors of war. During the Civil war, however, he found opportunity to show his valour and his heroism and can tell many stories of the happenings of his four years of army life. In 1865, at the close of the war, he was honorably discharged with the commission of Second Lieutenant of his company—Company M, First West Virginia Cavalry.

Captain Israel, while making his home in Moundsville, made many excursions to different parts of the country, and on one of his trips south by way of the Mississippi he, with the companions of his journey, stopped to get fuel and other necessary commodities. The Captain wandered



Frank Wade

off in search of game, lost his bearings and could not regain his companions. Time after time he tried to find his way out of the dense woods, but continually came back to the same spot, and he felt that he would be apt to die of starvation before he was discovered, if not by some more swift method of death. He saw no way of escape, and in his extremity he was driven to follow the example of many other men, great and small, and fell to his knees and began to pray. As he had never prayed before he prayed, and soon a voice was heard, a voice clear and distinct, saying, "Take hold of yonder reed with the small end in your hand, the longer end trailing behind; go forward and you will come to your looked-for destination." He obeyed and soon joined his anxious comrades, but from that time he was a changed man, a firm believer in prayer and for years a consistent member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Moundsville.

Captain Israel has ever been active in promoting law and order in the community in which he lived. In 1849 he was chief of police in Moundsville and in 1870 he was captain of the guards and assistant superintendent of the States Prison located in his town, his conduct during the terms of service in both capacities characterized by force and fairness, by charity and justice.

In 1850 the Captain was happily married to Miss Matilda V. Parriott, to whom ten children were born, viz.: Belle, James, Clayton, Jennie, Thomas, Ella, Turner, Emma, Dollie and William. In 1905 the loving partner of his life died, after fifty-five years of wedded life, and one of his children, Mrs Emma Graham, showed her daughterly spirit by leaving her own home and all its duties and ties and coming to keep house for her honored father. Thus the two live in constant companionship, surrounded by the friends they have known for years, foremost among whom are the veteran soldiers, the Captain's companions at arms, the members of the post of the Grand Army Republic with which he is affiliated.

CAPTAIN J. E. BLOYD has the entire charge of the discipline of the state penitentiary at Moundsville by virtue of his office as captain of the guards. By age, physique and experience Captain Bloyd is well qualified to fulfill the duties which devolve on him, and the excellent discipline which is maintained in the prison is evidence of his ability to handle the responsible questions which arise from time to time.

The Captain is a native son of Moundsville, West Virginia, where his birth occurred October 8, 1864. His mother, Mary (Johnson) Bloyd, was also a life-long resident of Moundsville, while his father, S. L. Bloyd, claims Maryland as the commonwealth of his birth, and in that state he was reared to adult life. When a young man he came to Moundsville, where he engaged in the mercantile business; later he removed to Glen Easton and conducted a store in that town and finally retired from active duties.

FRANK WADE, one of the leading contractors of Moundsville, West Virginia, has been identified with the building progress of Moundsville and its vicinity during the past ten years. In this age of keen rivalry and limitless aspirations it is necessary for a man to specialize if he would achieve success in his chosen calling. Mr. Wade realizes this fact and, although he makes and executes contracts for all kinds of building, yet his specialty is the raising and moving of buildings already existing, and in this line he has gained considerable reputation.

Mr. Wade was born in Moundsville, on the 24th day of March, 1863. His parents are W. K. and Sarah (Clarke) Wade, the latter a

native of West Virginia and the former of English birth. The father came to America in company with his parents, he being but a mere lad at the time. He resided in Wheeling, where he entered school, and was later apprenticed to the carpentering trade—a calling which he followed for many years. Early in his business life he made a specialty of ship building, plying his trade along the Ohio river—a ship-building center at the time he commenced his career, but in a short time he widened his scope and did general carpentering. He was regarded as an efficient, trustworthy mechanic, and enjoyed the full confidence of his many patrons. He subsequently moved to Moundsville, where he became a general contractor and builder—the outgrowth of his carpenter work. He was successful in that his work was good and also because he succeeded in making money—the natural result of his efficiency—and was in position to educate his nine children and to give them many other advantages.

Frank Wade, the seventh in order of birth, received his preliminary education in Moundsville, and after he had finished his schooling he learned his father's trade, under his father's supervision. He worked at the bench until he had become thoroughly proficient, and then in 1897 he began to do his own contracting. During the ensuing four years he erected buildings in Moundsville and vicinity and in 1901 he decided to concentrate his energies in the direction of the special work in which he is now engaged, above referred to. Although most of his work is done right around his home, yet he has frequent contracts in various parts of the Ohio valley, the result of his far-reaching connection and reputation. He deals extensively in real estate in his home city and he is a director in the Citizens Savings and Loan Company of Moundsville.

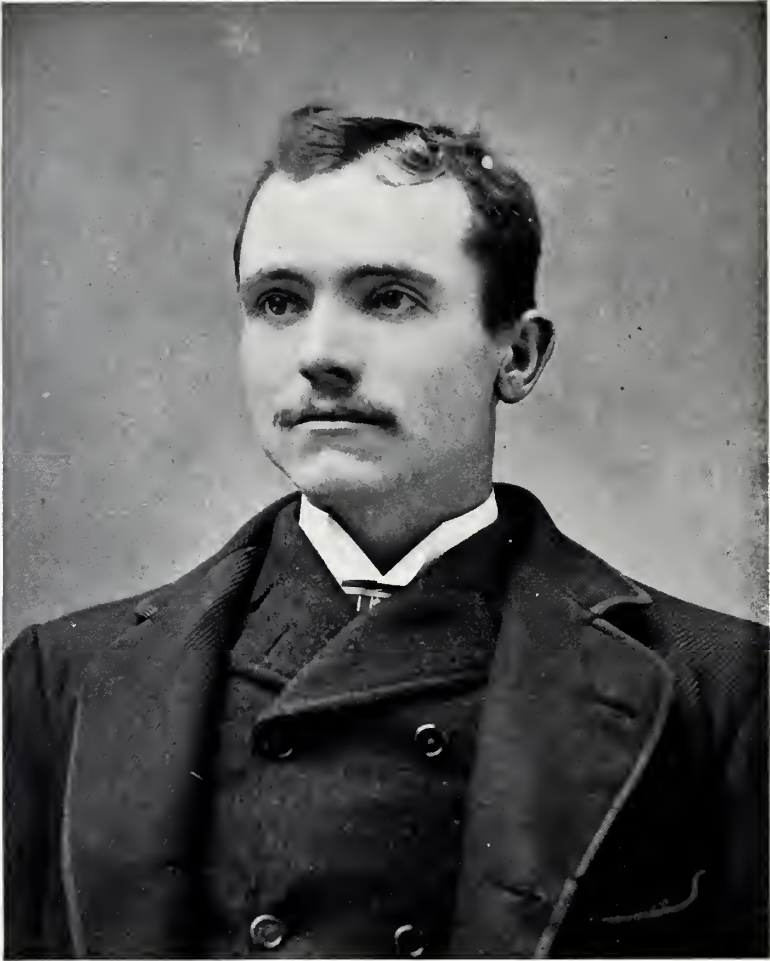
Mr. Wade was married first, in 1889, to Miss Annie J. Bardall, who died in 1891. She was the daughter of J. C. Bardall, a whip and broom manufacturer of Moundsville.

In 1895 Mr. Wade married for his second wife, Miss Annie, the daughter of Adam and Melissa Loudon, residents of Charleston, Kenona county, West Virginia, where Annie, their youngest child, was born in 1873. She is the mother of three children, Glen B., Dustin and Ned F.

Mr. Wade is very much of a "lodge man"; he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias; is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the United Order of American Mechanics and of the National Union. His church relations form no small part of his life, his local connection being with the First Methodist Episcopal church of Moundsville. His interest in all matters of public improvement is deep and far-reaching and during his two terms as councilman his record was so good that he was deemed by his party to be eminently fitted for the high office of mayor, and that he was defeated by a very small majority has not caused his friends to change their opinion in regard to his fitness.

BARTLIN MONTIEGEL, whose association with the business and civic life is a prominent factor in Wheeling's present prosperity, is one of the best known of the German-American citizens, and though born and reared in the Fatherland he quickly attained recognition and a substantial position in business in his adopted country and city.

He was born at Hausen, in the state of Baden, Germany, March 10, 1866. His parents were Bartlin and Anna Mary (Lang) Montiegel. The schools of Baden afforded him the characteristically substantial education, and in 1891 he left the old country and came to America, locating at Wheeling. The Wheeling Steam Dye Works, of which he is proprietor, is the largest concern of the kind in this city, employs a



J. Harvey Riggs

large force of labor, and adds credit to the commercial resources of Wheeling.

Mr. Montiegel is also a director in the Home Fire Insurance Company of Wheeling. His efforts in behalf of a better and greater city are directed through the following organizations of which he is an active member: The Associated Charities, the Wheeling Board of Trade, the Wheeling Business Men's Protective Association, and is financial secretary of the German-American Central Union of West Virginia.

In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite, and is a member of the Knights Templar, the Osiris Temple of the Mystic Shrine and the Masonic Club of Wheeling. His church membership is with the Lutheran church.

He was married in Germany to Miss Emma Lenz, daughter of John Friedrick and Rosina (Weniger) Lenz, her father being a German farmer. Their five sons and one daughter were all born in the United States and their names are: Oscar, Emma, Herman, William, Carl and Bartlin, Jr. Mr. Montiegel is a member of the German Soldier Society of Wheeling, also treasurer of the society and chairman of the finance committee.

RIGGS BROTHERS are considered the most trustworthy and popular contractors and builders in the city of Moundsville, where their business office is located and where both members of the firm reside. Before speaking of the individual history of the brothers who have become so notable in Wheeling and its vicinity, it will be well to give a few facts in regard to the company. It was established thirteen years ago, in 1898, by J. Harvey and his brother William M. Riggs, both proficient builders and contractors. They have done a successful business and have built up for themselves a permanent trade among the best people of Moundsville and adjacent territory. They have erected the principal buildings in Moundsville, structures which will be standing monuments to their skill long after the builders have passed away. They completed the magnificent edifice situated on Seventh street, the Marshall County Bank building, costing fifty thousand dollars. They have erected houses in Moundsville which cost thirteen thousand dollars and at this present time they have a contract for a seven thousand dollar residence in Clarksburg.

J. Harvey Riggs and his brother William M. were both born in Moundsville, West Virginia, the former in 1863 and the latter in 1865. Their parents are Thornton and Susanna (Redd) Riggs, both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, but not acquainted with each other until they came to Moundsville. There they met, were married and to the union were born nine children, six of whom are living, viz.: Charles S., Ellsworth, J. Harvey, William M., T. F. and E. T. The father was a carpenter and builder and during the last twenty-five years of his life he devoted his attention to contracting. He was a man of sterling qualities, in whom his fellows placed most implicit confidence. Mrs. Thornton Riggs is of ancient lineage and can trace her descent for several hundred years. Ever since the middle of the eighteenth century members of the Redd family have been conspicuous in the various activities of the Old Dominion and of West Virginia. Her illustrious grandfather, Nathaniel Redd, was born in Virginia, in 1749, of German parentage, and he became the originator of the family in America; he had fifteen children, one hundred and forty-four grandchildren and sixty-six great-grandchildren. Peter Redd, one of his sons, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1773, married Hannah Dolman in 1816, to which union the following children were born:

John, born 1817; Nathaniel, 1818; Samuel, 1820; Mary, 1822; Joseph, 1823; Catherine, 1824; Susanna, 1826; Hannah M., 1827; Andrew, 1829; Elizabeth, 1830; Solomon, 1832; George D., 1834 and Harriet, 1838. Susanna was, therefore, the seventh child in a family of thirteen and when she was a child she accompanied her parents and brothers and sisters to Moundsville, West Virginia, as above noted.

J. Harvey Riggs attended the Moundsville schools until he was thirteen years of age, at which time he commenced to learn carpentering with his father as preceptor. After he had become thoroughly master of his trade he left home and for several years he traveled extensively while pursuing his business; indeed he visited every state in the Union west of the Ohio river, beginning when, at nineteen, he went to Dakota and next to Colorado. He in this way came in contact with all kinds of men and places, so that his vision was broadened by the experience. He saw various methods of doing business and was able to select the best from each one, so that when he entered into partnership with his brother in 1898 it was with an experience of twenty-five years' duration. On Christmas Eve, 1887, he was married to Miss Annie L. Maxwell, daughter of E. Maxwell, and to this union were born three children, of whom Cecil H. and Alva K. are living. Mr. Riggs is a member of the National Union and is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

William M., the junior member of the firm of Riggs Brothers, was also educated in Moundsville and when he was fifteen years old he began to learn the building business with his older brothers, who are also prominent in this line. His work as a contractor has been confined almost entirely to the state of West Virginia, where he is accounted one of the ablest men in his line. He also is a member of the National Union. In 1888 he married Mary, daughter of David Games, a resident of Moundsville, where Miss Mary was born. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Riggs are the parents of seven children, and the names of the living are as follows: Laura, Julia, Walter, Mary and Susanna.

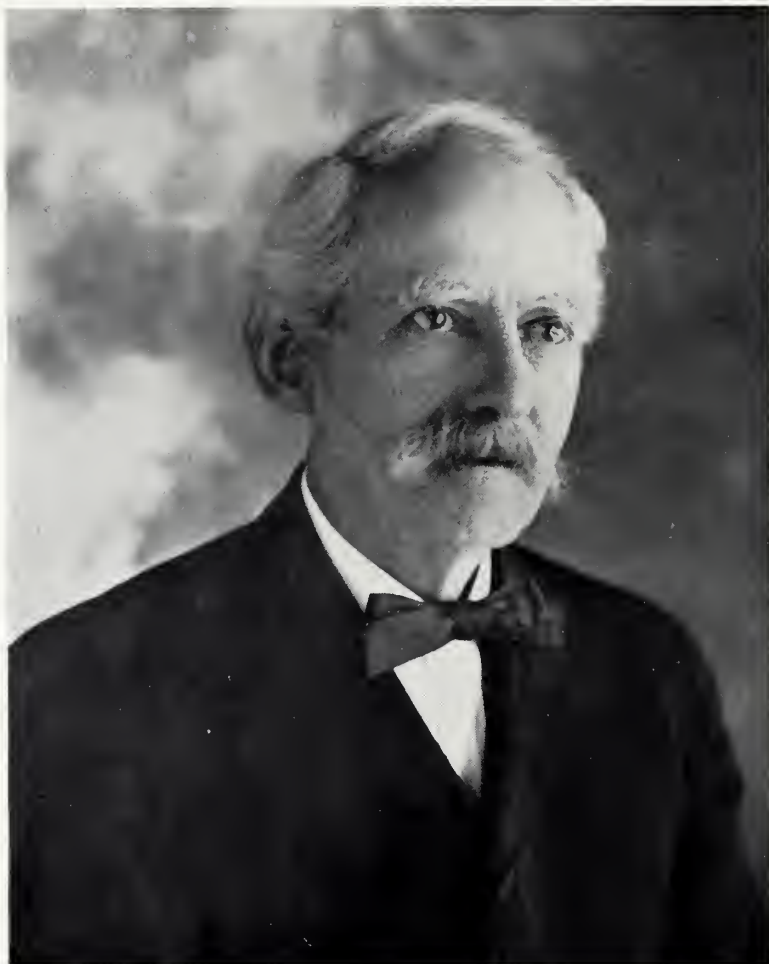
The two families live in close companionship, united in social as well as in business life, and prominent alike in both.

ANDREW THOMAS SWEENEY, a prominent manufacturer and former mayor of Wheeling, was born in this city November 1, 1859. His parents were Andrew James and Mary Ralston (Moore) Sweeney.

He received a liberal education in the Wheeling public schools, at the Linsly Institute, and the West Virginia University, and then began a successful business career. Mr. Sweeney is secretary of the Whitaker-Glessner Company, secretary of the Whitaker Iron Company, and secretary-treasurer of the Acme Carbon Company, all well known manufacturing enterprises of Wheeling.

A Democrat of the Jefferson type, Mr. Sweeney has participated in political affairs only as a public-spirited business man, and it was for these qualifications that he was elected mayor in 1899, 1901 and 1903, serving three terms. On May 25, 1911, the seventh ward elected him to the first branch of the city council.

FRANK LE FEVER belongs to a family of gun makers and he himself is a practical gunsmith. It is rather unusual nowadays to find a man who has followed up the same line of work all of his business life. As a rule a boy decides on a career and changes his mind many times during his adolescent period. Or, if he does not waver then, as soon as he launches out on the chosen calling he finds it not suited to his



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tastes or capabilities. This has not been the experience of Mr. Le Fever. He is a gunsmith, the business in which he intended to engage from his childhood and it has proved to be the pursuit to which he is well adapted. He is a man who knows his own business and he attends to it.

Frank Le Fever, the machinist and gunsmith whose shop is situated on 7th street, Moundsville, was born February 13, 1871, at Auburn, New York. He is the son of D. M. and Sarah (Stead) Le Fever, the father known all over the country because of his inventive genius. He was a practical gunsmith and most of his inventions were in connection with the firearms he manufactured. He passed the first few years of his married life in Auburn, New York, then moved to Syracuse, New York, where he established the Le Fever Arms Company and in this corporate body he held the controlling interest. During the Civil war he invented that peculiar rifle which was used by sharpshooters and which was carried by an independent company from Rochester, New York state. He was at the top of his business, thus acknowledged by others in the same line of work. Five of his seven children are living and are all gun makers.

Frank Le Fever is the third in order of birth and the only one of the family in West Virginia. When he was a mere lad his parents moved to Syracuse, New York, where he attended the public schools and grew up in the atmosphere of guns. After completing his schooling he entered the employ of the Le Fever Arms Company, where he learned the gunsmith business under the direct supervision of his father. After he had become thoroughly proficient he left his father's factory and accepted a position with the Three Barrel Gun Company of Moundsville, where for five years he was its efficient superintendent. He now has a shop of his own, as above stated, where he does all kinds of light machine repairing as well as gunsmithing, for he is a practical all-around machinist, his training with his father having been broad in its scope as well as thorough in nature. His steadily increasing trade is the best possible tribute to his efficiency.

In 1889 Mr. Le Fever married Miss Cora Gardinier, of Syracuse, New York, and to this union four children were born—Frank Jr., Harry (deceased), Arthur and Roland.

THE McMECHEN FAMILY is one of the oldest and most prominent in the Ohio valley of West Virginia. Settling here before the American Revolution, they were of the first wave of the western expansion movement. They were pioneers to the extreme western frontier, and subsequent generations have witnessed that frontier extended thousands of miles to the verge of the Pacific. Many individuals of the name have spent honorable careers in this vicinity and have continued the distinction of the family for more than a century. Many years ago the little settlement in Marshall county where the family resided received the name McMechen, and thus a community is honored with a name which has been borne by worthy citizens.

William McMechen, the founder of the family, was born in Scotland and later moved to the north of Ireland. He came to the United States and settled in Delaware, where he resided for several years, when he moved to what is now McMechen. He took up several hundred acres of land, which he cleared and cultivated, and he became a very prosperous man. The name of his wife is not known, but he had a family of several sons and daughters, as follows: William, Jr. (who became the grandfather of C. C. McMechen), Benjamin, James, Sidney, Jane and Nancy. He was a Presbyterian and a very honest, upright man.

William Jr., was born in McMechen and lived to the age of twelve years, when he was taken by his uncle David to Baltimore, Maryland. There William lived, married Sidney Armstead and died when he was sixty-five years old. He became a noted lawyer and was judge of the court for twenty years. He and his wife had the following children: David, William, Carter, Sidney and two others, daughters, whose names are not known. He was a Whig in politics.

David became the father of C. C. McMechen, the subject of this sketch. He was reared in Baltimore, Maryland, and came to McMechen in 1822, where he followed farming on a part of the McMechen estate which was given him by his father in 1824. He married Sidney McCullough, also of Scotch descent, and they had a family of four sons, as follows: William T., Benjamin F., Samuel A. and Charles C. In religious belief he was an Episcopalian and was a Whig politically. He died in 1872, and his wife passed away in 1884.

Mr. C. C. McMechen, for many years an honored resident of the city named for his ancestors, was born in this locality, and has made his business the tilling of the soil. He is owner of some of the land once possessed by his grandfather, his estate of one hundred and ten acres being one of the most attractive country homesteads in this part of the state, and of special value to its owner for its associations with the family name. His place originally contained two hundred and ten acres, but part of it was sold for building lots. He has always been identified with the best citizenship of the community, and has been a member of the city council for the past eight years, and for eight years was on the school board.

Mr. McMechen married Miss Lyda Hickernell, and they have the following children: Vincent A.; John R., who died in childhood; David N.; Wade H.; John R., second of the name; Carl C., who died at the age of twenty-two; Grace S., and Anna A. Mr. McMechen is a Democrat in politics.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH COOEY is one of the oldest established undertakers and furniture dealers in Wheeling. A man of the highest integrity in business, enterprising and public spirited, his success has been productive of good to his community, and he occupies a place of prominence both in business and civic life.

He was born on a farm on the hill back of McMechen, in Marshall county of this state, September 1, 1860. His parents, Mathew and Nancy (McCombs) Cooley, were substantial farmers of that vicinity. After he had acquired the details of a practical education in the public schools he began life as a farmer himself and until he was twenty-five years old continued that occupation with good results. He then moved to Wheeling and engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, to which he has devoted his energies for over a quarter of a century. The Cooley-Bentz Company, of which he is president, is one of the best known firms in the mercantile district and has a large business.

Mr. Cooley in politics is a Democrat, and always a public spirited citizen he has participated to some extent in the practical government of his city. He served one term as a member of the city council, representing the eighth ward. He is trustee and member of the official board of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal church, and affiliates with Nelson Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M., and with the Shields of Honor.

He was married to Miss Mary Sengewalt, daughter of Frederick and Wilhelmina Sengewalt. They have the following children: Walter, Edward, Wilbert, Bertha, Archie, Wilma and Mary.

GEORGE W. DRAKE is the efficient superintendent of the state farm at Moundsville, a farm covering one hundred and ninety-two acres on which are grown practically all the vegetables and other provisions used in the state prison; there too, the animals are raised which are killed to be used as meat; most of the work of the farm is done by convict labor and it is of these men Mr. Drake has charge. He has not been a farmer all of his life, but he has for years handled men and for that reason he was deemed fitted for the position he now fills. He takes an important part in aiding the present day system of dealing with those who are undergoing punishment for crimes or misdemeanors so complete a contrast to the old system by means of which the culprits were worse men at the termination of their punishment than at its commencement. Mr. Drake treats his employes like men and he gets men's service. He understands just when to be strict and when to be lenient in order to secure the greatest benefit to the man compatible with the work to be accomplished. It is difficult to conceive of an office that is of more benefit to the community at large than that of which Mr. Drake is the present incumbent.

George W. Drake is a native of Marshall county, West Virginia, where he was born April 1, 1856, the son of George W. and Nancy (Elder) Drake. George W. Drake Sr., was of Irish birth, a stone mason by trade, a good mechanic, with an excellent reputation, able to give his son and his two daughters the best of educational and other advantages. His wife was the daughter of J. C. Elder, of Pennsylvania birth, but resident of Marshall county from the time he arrived at man's estate. He attained considerable prominence in the county; there he was a school teacher of acknowledged ability and reputation; there he became a justice of the peace; and there, too, he reared and educated his two sons and his daughter Nancy, previous to her marriage with Mr. Drake.

George W. Drake, his father's namesake, and the youngest of the little family of three, attended the public schools in the county. After he attained his majority he was for thirteen years section foreman for the Ohio River Company, and was later transferred to the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad where he served in the same capacity. Subsequently he was promoted to be foreman of the construction department, a position of trust and responsibility, involving the oversight of between eight and nine hundred men. For seven years he held this office to the satisfaction of all concerned and only terminated his connection at that time to accept the superintendency of the state farm. If we were to select the one characteristic which has gained his most distinction we should say it is his understanding of human nature and his ability to put himself in the attitude of his employes—one of the rarest and most valued of gifts.

In 1883, while in the employ of the Ohio River Company, he formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Bettie Whittiker, whose father is A. Q. and whose mother is Margaret Whittiker, residents of Marshall county. Mr. and Mrs. Drake have three children, John W., James C. and Hallie M. Mr. Drake belongs to the Episcopal church, but his second son, James, is studying for the ministry in the Christian church. Mr. Drake is a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

WHEELING STAMPING COMPANY.—One of the oldest and best known specialty manufacturing concerns of Wheeling is the Wheeling Stamping Company. The men identified with the business since its establishment have been energetic business men and public-spirited citizens, and

through them and the results of their industry much has been contributed to the substantial growth and improvement of Wheeling.

The Wheeling Stamping Company originated in 1877 as the "Nail City Lantern Company." The first president of this concern was A. W. Paull, Sr., and his associates were Samuel A. Laughlin and Alexander Laughlin. In 1897 the business was organized under the present title and was incorporated in the same year. During the first year of operation twenty people were employed in the plant. It is now an industry employing three hundred, and its payroll is one of the substantial contributions to Wheeling's prosperity and its product adds to the fame of this city as a manufacturing center. The business is capitalized at three hundred thousand dollars, all of which is owned by local stockholders. The officers of the company are: J. F. Paull, president; A. W. Paull, secretary and general manager; James S. Paull, assistant secretary; and Irwin Paull, treasurer.

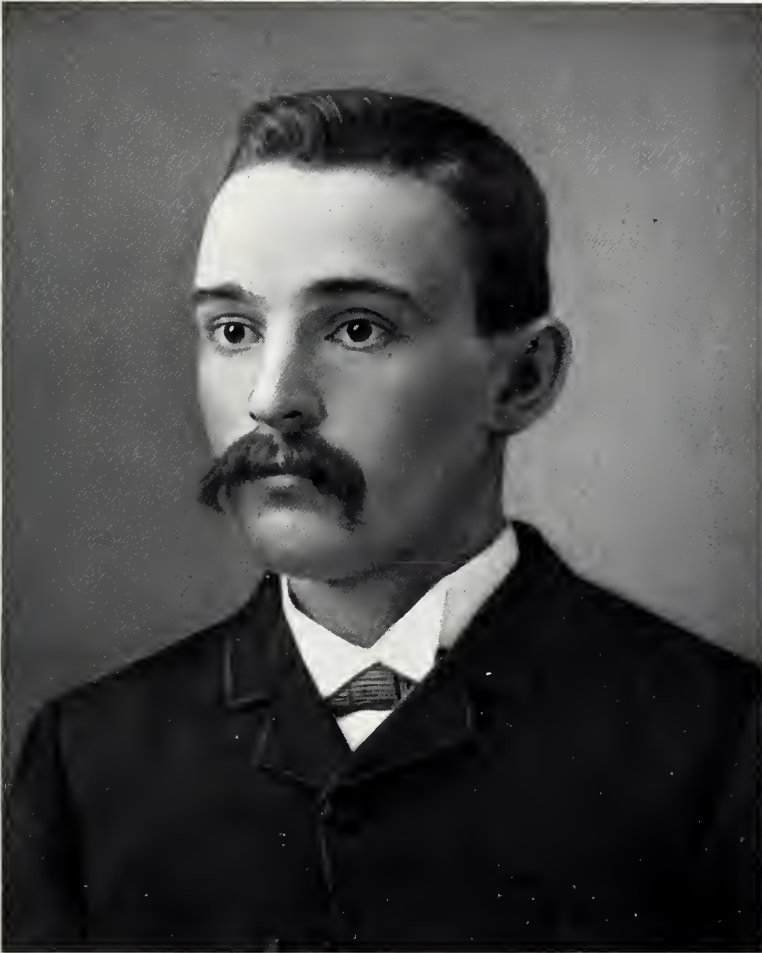
The factory is one of the largest in the manufacturing district. There are three four-story buildings, each covering a ground space sixty-six by one hundred and twenty feet, and the mechanical equipment is of the most modern type for the manufacture of a varied output. The company sends its goods to all parts of the United States and abroad, and they have a standard reputation in many markets. The principal articles manufactured are lanterns, lamp burners, fruit tops, tooth-paste tubes, lithograph tinware and metal specialties, and they manufacture goods both for the direct market and for other manufacturing concerns.

D. T. BURTON is well known throughout the state of West Virginia because of his connection with the firm of Batson & Burton Company, one of the leading contracting concerns in this part of the country, and also because of his own individual experience in the building line prior to his identification with the above named firm. The company, as it exists today, was established in 1906; it does general contracting, but is especially equipped to put up big buildings, such as schools, colleges, churches, etc., as well as the more pretentious grade of dwellings.

Mr. Burton is a native son of Marshall county, West Virginia, where his birth occurred on the 23rd day of August, 1867. James N. and Louvina (Gatts) Burton, parents of D. T., were likewise lifelong residents of Marshall county, the former born August 24, 1826, and the latter in 1836. James N. Burton was a prosperous farmer, owning a tract of land of more than one hundred acres in extent. Here he passed his entire life, dividing his time between the cultivation of his farm and the rearing of his twelve children. He died June 18, 1910, at the advanced age of eighty-four, surviving his wife, Louvina, sixteen years, since her demise occurred in 1894.

The grandfather of D. T. and father of James N., was David Burton, a man of English birth. He came to America with his parents and resided in the state of Maryland; thence he later migrated to West Virginia and became one of the early settlers in Marshall county. He was a skilled mechanic and was especially useful in those pioneer days in supplying the early settlers with home-made farming implements of all descriptions as well as with household goods. His wife was of Scotch origin; her family were also old residents of West Virginia.

D. T. Burton spent the first few years of his life on his father's farm; his preliminary educational discipline was obtained in the Moundsville public schools and included a high school course. Following his graduation he entered the pedagogical field and for a period of seven years he taught school. He felt, however, that the profession was not



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the one best suited to his peculiar abilities and as soon as opportunity presented itself he commenced the study of structural engineering, which branch of the building business he understands in all its departments. At the beginning of his career in this new field he devoted his attention to the above named line of work, but in a short time he launched out into the general contracting business; that he has made a success of his chosen work is evident from his present position, and the various edifices erected by him are as so many monuments testifying to his abilities. In 1888 he took up his residence in Moundsville and since that time he has been a resident of that city, ever active in all movements which have for their object the promotion of public good. He is particularly interested in education advancement, is now (1911) school commissioner, admirably fitted, by reason of his former teaching experiences, to advise and suggest improvements in the conduct of the schools in the locality.

In 1891 Mr. Burton married Miss Belle, the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Lancaster. Benjamin Lancaster is of English birth, but inasmuch as he came to America with his parents when he was but two years of age he always considered himself an American. He settled in Marshall county and there his daughter, Belle, was born. Mr. and Mrs. Burton became the parents of four children, of whom Archibald, the first born, and James, the youngest, are deceased. Lester and Irene are living.

Mr. Burton is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and is a devoted member of the Methodist church of Moundsville, is a trustee and the entire family are active in church work.

CHARLES McCAMIC, attorney, is a member of the association of McCamic & Clarke, a law firm, the other member being J. Morgan Clarke. They have a large general practice. Mr. McCamic is a native of Wellsburg, this state, where he was born December 4, 1874, a son of Nathan and Frances (Dowden) McCamic.

After his preparatory education in the public schools of Wellsburg he prepared for the law and graduated from the Yale University Law School, degree of LL. B., in the class of 1899. Mr. McCamic is a Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine, and belongs to the Fort Henry Club, the Wheeling Country Club, the University Club of Wheeling and the Pittsburg Yale Club. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Miss Anna Smith, daughter of F. G. and Anna B. (Burch) Smith. They have one child, Frances Smith McCamic.

JAMES MORGAN CLARKE, attorney at law, is the son of the late A. J. Clarke, and was born in this city October 27, 1880. He was admitted to the bar in 1903, and is associated with Mr. Charles McCamic in one of the leading law firms of Wheeling. He is a graduate of the Linsly Institute of Wheeling, of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and also of the Law School of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

Mr. Clarke is a member of the Country Club, the University Club and the Fort Henry Club. He is attorney for the National Bank of West Virginia at Wheeling, a director in the Wheeling and Belmont Bridge Company, trustee of Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church, and is also associated with several leading iron and steel industries of this city.

H. MAYNARD KIMBERLAND, of Wheeling, colonel, aide de camp on the staff of Governor William E. Glasscock, West Virginia, is one of the youngest general managers in the life insurance field at large. He

entered this business upon leaving college in 1901. Having the talent and energy needed for success in this profession he rapidly advanced until in 1908 when he was made general manager for West Virginia of the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati. His territory also covers portions of Ohio, Virginia and Maryland.

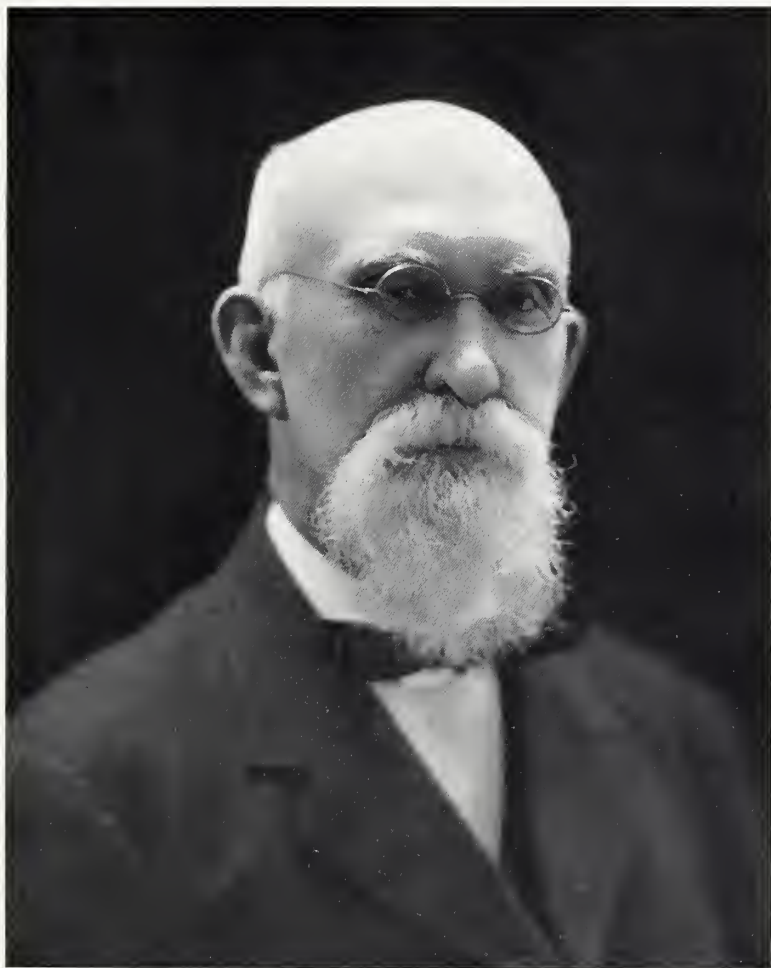
Colonel Kimberland was born at Wellsburg, West Virginia, April 22, 1878, being a son of Daniel and Amanda F. (Merriman) Kimberland. His father, Daniel Kimberland, was formerly in the wholesale lumber business in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is now living retired in the country near Steubenville, Ohio. A liberal education prefaced the subject's business career. He attended Mount Union College and the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. On leaving the university his initial experience in the insurance field proved his eminent fitness for achievement in that business.

Colonel Kimberland began his business career with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, his field of operations being Pittsburgh and New York city, where he continued for five years. His next step was his election to the superintendency of the agencies of the Southern States Mutual Life Insurance Company of Charleston, West Virginia, which position he held for one year and a half. In the meantime he negotiated with the Union Central Life Insurance Company and arrangements were consummated and control secured from the Union Central of the entire state of West Virginia. After about one year Mr. Kimberland greatly enlarged his territory, which has subsequently grown into one of the leading general agencies of this company in the United States.

In 1911 Colonel Kimberland was delegate and on the nominating committee of the National Association of Life Underwriters which met in Chicago in that year. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the West Virginia Life Insurance Underwriters and is also one of its charter members. He has many interests of large scope and importance and among these is membership in the directorate of the Graham Coal and Realty Company of Charleston, West Virginia. He is also a member of the Wheeling Board of Trade. Socially he belongs to the University Club, the Wheeling Country Club and the Phi Kappa Psi College fraternity. He is a member of the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church.

Colonel Kimberland married Miss Angie Graham, of Wheeling, daughter of C. B. and Antoinette (Hill) Graham. Her father, who now resides in Charleston, West Virginia, has for many years been one of the ablest ministers of Methodism in this state, having been presiding elder of the Charleston and Wheeling districts for years, and having built a large number of churches throughout the state. Mr. and Mrs. Kimberland share their delightful home with one son, Kendall Graham, born October 15, 1907.

JAMES McCUSKEY.—There is no man who is better known in Cameron than James McCuskey, whose family has been connected with the history of West Virginia for a century and a half. Mr. McCuskey, however, has not been content to rest upon the reputation of his family, but has made a name for himself. Whether as farmer, railroad man or merchant, he has been eminently successful. Possibly the man who decides on a certain business or profession when he first starts out in life, and devotes himself to that and that alone, may make more money than the one who has turned his attention to different lines, but the former misses much valuable experience enjoyed by the man who has tried and made a success of several lines of work.



James M. Criskey

To begin away back, Mr. McCuskey's ancestors belonged to that sturdy Irish race which has monopolized the Emerald Isle for several hundred years. His grandfather, James McCuskey, was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, May 9, 1762, and passed his boyhood, youth and early manhood in his native land, living within a few miles of the spot where his parents and his grandparents before them had maintained their residence and had been farmers in a small way. This James McCuskey was possessed of an enterprising nature, and was not content to live as his parents had, striving for a bare existence. He felt that he could make his way in the world if he had a chance, but in Ireland there was no opportunity for a young man to rise above his surroundings, so great was the "class" feeling. He married Nancy McComb, and they became the parents of four children, but with each new arrival Mr. McCuskey felt more and more the uselessness of attempting to make any headway at home. When the fourth child was a mere babe, and Mr. McCuskey was thirty-seven years of age, he decided to get away from his surroundings and try his fortunes in the western world. So the parents, with their four young children, bade farewell to the little farm, to the friends of their youth and to the bonds of prejudice and started for America. They took passage in a sailing vessel and after a stormy voyage of nine weeks, during which seasickness alternated with the homesickness of the little wife, they arrived at New York, and feeling of hope revived in their bosoms.

They made their way at once to Ohio county, West Virginia, of whose agricultural possibilities they had heard, secured a farm and began their career in the new world in the neighborhood of Elm Grove. Their efforts were crowned with success and in the course of time four more children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCuskey, so that they had a family of eight in all, whose names are as follows: William, born in Ireland in 1794, and, young as he was, who served in the war of 1812, and whose fate is unknown; George, born in Ireland in 1796, who was also in the war of 1812, but who lived to return to West Virginia, where he married Jane Lindsay and became the father of seven children; Margaret, born in 1798, in Ireland, who married Benjamin Blodgett, of West Virginia, and became the mother of ten children; Sarah born in 1799, shortly before her parents left Ireland, who, as a young woman, married Levi Mercer and became the mother of seven children; James, born in 1802, after his parents came to West Virginia, who never married; John, born in 1804, who married Mary White and had ten children; Nancy, who was born in 1807 and became the wife of William Warden and the mother of eight children; Silas, the youngest of the family, who was born September 15, 1810, and subsequently became the father of James, whose history we are giving.

Silas McCuskey was brought up on his father's farm, received a little education in the district at a time when schools were scarce; then assisted his father in the duties of the farm management and later took full charge. He married Mary Huey and to the union were born eight children, all of whom owed their nativity to the old homestead on which their father and their grandfather had lived. James, the eldest (subject of the sketch), was born November 18, 1833; his sister, Minerva, in 1835; John H., in 1837; George, December 14, 1839; W. H., born January 21, 1841, became a minister of the Gospel and married Mary E. Ellison; Virgil L., born May 31, 1843, married Mrs. Martha Davis; Milton, born on the 27th day of July, 1845, subsequently married Annie Cully; Nancy J., the youngest, was born in 1868.

James McCuskey, whose history we are writing, was reared on his father's farm at Elm Grove and attended the schools in his neighborhood, which had, moreover, greatly improved since the time when his uncles and aunts had been pupils in them. The youth learned to do all kinds of farm work and after he had acquired whatever schooling was possible he worked as a farm hand for the neighbors. He was not, however, especially drawn toward the farm, although there was no kind of agricultural labor that he did not know how to do. As soon as the opportunity offered he took up clerical work, but that was not just suited to his tastes either; so he again made a change of occupation and entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, by whom for sixteen years he was successively employed as brakeman, fireman and engineer. This occupation was to his liking and Mr. McCuskey was eminently fitted for it, but at the end of his long period of service he felt that he wanted to follow some business where he could be with his family more steadily than had been possible while engaged in railroad work. It was then that he became a citizen of Cameron and became identified with the hardware business, in which line he continued for twenty-three years. The first part of this time he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, John Loper, but on the death of Mr. Loper he assumed the sole proprietorship of the business, which he continued until his retirement from active work.

On May 25, 1856, James McCuskey celebrated his marriage with Miss Virginia P. Harris, the daughter of Alfred and Matilda (Buck) Harris, and to their union were born six children. Bruce E., the oldest, was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for a period of thirty-one years, during which time he served as telegraph operator and agent, and he is now assistant cashier in the Bank of Cameron and fills that position with the same conscientiousness which he so long devoted to railroad work. He married Miss Abbie Davis and to this union one son, Hoy B., was born. The names of the other five children are as follows: Bertha L., Florence V., Theodore M., Gertrude E. and May, of which number May and Bruce are the only ones living. May married Charles E. Hutchinson, M. D.

In glancing back over this history it may be noted that through the coming of the grandfather, James McCuskey, to America sixty-seven inhabitants were added to West Virginia in the McCuskey family; two of the family served in the Revolutionary war, one of whom was killed in battle; one of the family was a preacher and the means of bringing many to practical Christianity; several have been farmers, thus assisting in the agricultural prosperity of the state; others have participated in commercial advancement, while two have served one railroad for many years. That is a wonderful record for one family, without mentioning the numerous other callings of its various members, who have all proved to be citizens of honor to the community in which they have lived. There is no one in Cameron who is more universally respected and liked than James McCuskey, who, now in his seventy-eighth year, resides quietly in the town, enjoying the rest he has so well merited by his years of faithful work in such varied activities. He is a member of Cameron Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 17, and in point of membership is the oldest Maçon in this section of the state. He has been treasurer of the lodge seventeen years, and was presented with a treasurer's apron by the lodge. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment of that order.

WILLIAM SHANNAFELT has been superintendent of city streets in Bellaire for the past twelve years. His official record has been characterized by a thorough knowledge of conditions and a prompt and efficient application of the resources under his control to the maintenance of the city's highways in the best possible manner. There is not a thoroughfare nor byway in this city of ten thousand to which he has not given his official attention, and his work has been approved in successive reappointments to his office.

Mr. Shannafelt was born at Crab Creek, Cheat Mountain, in old Virginia, May 20, 1850, and is a son of J. B. and Frances (Kellar) Shannafelt. His father was for many years well known as a contractor in this vicinity. He was a native of Germany, obtained his education by self effort, learned the trade of blacksmith and at the age of eighteen came to America, landing in New York and afterwards going to Pennsylvania. A man of remarkable ability in all lines of mechanical trades, he became successful as a contractor, and was in the business fifty-five years. For a great part of the time he was a railroad contractor, and helped build the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad through Bellaire, where he lived for a number of years and where his remains now rest in one of the city's cemeteries.

William Shannafelt was brought to Bellaire in infancy, and has been identified with this city practically all his life. His education he obtained in the city schools, and while a school boy and afterwards for a number of years was with his father in business. He was first chosen superintendent of streets in 1899, and his efficiency in the office has made his services indispensable so long as he is willing to perform this public duty.

Mr. Shannafelt is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the family are Methodists. He is unmarried. He was one of eleven children, and the family included: Elizabeth, George D., Rose, Mary, John, Elmer, Birdie and Fred.

NICHOLAS SCHULZ, a resident of Wheeling during the last forty-five years, during the greater part of which period he was engaged in business in the city, is too familiar a figure in the eyes of his fellow citizens to make it necessary that we should make much comment on his success as a confectioner and his sterling qualities in all relations of life. We will, therefore, content ourselves with the recital of the leading events in his life.

Mr. Schulz was born in September, 1834, in the southern part of Germany. His parents, John and Margaret (Metzger) Schulz, were life-long residents of the same grand old fatherland, the father well-known in his home town as a manufacturer of windows, ready for insertion. He reared a family.

Nicholas, when a lad, attended the schools in his neighborhood. After completing his schooling he learned the bakery business, in which he became thoroughly proficient and felt that he should be able to command greater returns than was possible in Germany. He therefore determined to come to America, where he believed he would stand a better chance of coming to the front in a business way. He was nineteen years old when he left home and country, took passage for America and landed in New York. He remained but a short time in that state, but went right on to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he believed there was a good opening for an enterprising confectioner. After four months' trial in that city he was convinced that Wheeling was the place where he would become permanently located. Losing no time, he came to this city in 1853, formed a partnership alliance with a first class baker and the two

conducted a confectionery for about seven years, when Mr. Schulz experienced the desire to be the sole proprietor and bought out his partner. From the year 1860 until 1908 Mr. Schulz conducted the confectionery store which is so well known by the residents of Wheeling; he sold products of his own manufacture, used first class materials and turned out all kinds of plain and fancy confectionery goods, whose ready sale was ample proof that they met with the approval of the numerous patrons of the store.

In the year 1861 Mr. Schulz married Miss Catherine Becker, a young lady of German parentage. Two of the five children who were born to them are living, Emma and Alberta. Lottie and John are both dead and one little baby did not survive infancy. The family are devout members of the Lutheran church, the faith in which Mr. Schulz was trained. He has led a simple, contented life, not dabbling in politics nor affiliating with fraternal orders. He has found his time fully occupied with business, home and church interests, and now that he is no longer actively identified with the trade he followed so long he can look back upon his career and feel that it was worth while and that his immigration to America and his settlement in Wheeling was the means (combined with his own unremitting efforts) of the success which he achieved.

W. H. BATSON, the senior member of the firm of Batson & Burton Company, prominent contractors of Moundsville, has been in the contracting business for many years and has made many changes of locality and associates. Mr. Batson's principle has been that if his surroundings cramped him, he would change his surroundings; if his shoe pinched, he would get a new footing. Every now and then a man is bound to strike a wrong track, but he is not bound to follow it; indeed ambition frequently provides an inaccurate map, and Mr. Batson is only one of thousands of men who have found it necessary to alter their plans. The firm mentioned above, as it exists today, has only been in existence about five years, but Mr. Batson has been in the contracting business for a period of thirty-five years; he began with a small capital of one hundred and sixty-five dollars, and took contracts for the construction of houses and barns; now the firm has a capital of \$20,000 and they build churches, schools, colleges and public buildings of all kinds, and they are one of the largest contracting firms in Wheeling and vicinity, putting up buildings throughout the state of West Virginia and the bordering states. It is interesting to following the movements of Mr. Batson since his first entry into the busy world of commerce and take note of the steps he took to attain his present prominence.

Mr. Batson's birth occurred in Greene county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1856, and to this state his father, J. W. Batson, and his mother, Lucinda (Ferrell) Batson, both owe their birth. Mr. J. W. Batson was educated in the public schools of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and there he learned the carpentering trade and engaged in it until the time of his death, in 1877. His wife died in 1889, and she was the mother of ten children, but it is only of W. H., the ninth in order of birth and the subject of this review, that we will make any mention.

W. H. Batson was brought up and educated in his native county, and his early educational instruction was obtained in the public schools of Greene county. Upon completing the course afforded by these schools he learned the carpentering trade at his father's bench, and under his efficient preceptorship he soon became a skilled workman. He remained with his father until he had attained his majority, at which time he left home and started west in search of work and adventure. Of the latter

he found plenty, but of the former not so much, and at the expiration of thirteen months he returned to his native town, a wiser man by reason of the experience he gained during the year of travel. It had been his observation that the only way for a man to acquire a competency was for him to go into some sort of business for himself, as the man who worked by the day at the bench had no future ahead of him. He formed a partnership with one Lindsay Rush, and they started to do business under the name of Batson & Rush, but this firm soon dissolved partnership, and Mr. Batson then moved to Cameron, West Virginia, where he next formed a partnership alliance with Mr. F. M. Ferrell, and the new company did business under the name of Batson, Ferrell & Company. The new firm did a thriving business, but they did not confine their operations to one line of work; they ran a planing mill and in addition did a general lumber business, but with all their success Mr. Batson was not satisfied; he did not believe in drifting with the tide, so long as there was space elsewhere for him to make more headway. He believed that there was in him the ability to rise, if he had the opportunity, and he had no notion of waiting for opportunity to come and knock, but preferred to go and seek it. He bought out the interest of his partner, Mr. Ferrell, and invited Mr. Allum to become his partner, and for about a year the firm was known as Batson & Allum, at the end of which time he sold a half interest to Mr. B. F. Miller, and the firm name was again changed to that of Batson, Allum & Miller. Mr. Batson remained in Cameron for about six years, and then sold his interest in the firm to Mr. Wilson and contracted alone until 1894, at which time he moved to Moundsville. He there went into the planing mill and general contracting business with Frank Wade and Frank Baldwin, under the name of Batson, Wade & Company; after three years Mr. Wade dropped out of the concern, and the firm name was changed to Batson, Baldwin & Estell. Before very long Mr. Batson relinquished his interest and formed a partnership with Charles Shackelford and C. M. Johnston, under the firm name of C. M. Johnston & Company. Mr. Batson's partners dropped out of the triple alliance and the firm was known as the W. H. Batson Company, and continued to do business under this name until 1907, at which time Mr. D. T. Burton was taken into the firm and the company, as it exists today, was organized, under the name of the Batson & Burton Company. It must not be thought that Mr. Batson was unsuccessful in business and was forced to make these numerous changes; on the contrary there is no period of his business career which was a failure, but he made the changes, one after another, as he could always see something ahead of him, and each change was a distinct gain for him. There are few business men who have had the wide experience that Mr. Batson has, and his present prosperous condition seems to indicate that he has made every move count.

In regard to the personal history of Mr. Batson we wish to say that in 1884 he formed a partnership that was not mentioned above, an alliance of a matrimonial nature with Miss Maria Huffman, the daughter of George and Mary (Imes) Huffman, of which Mr. Batson has not made any change of partners in this venture, but the union has resulted in the birth of three children, Elizabeth, Nellie J. and William H. Elizabeth left the paternal roof several years ago, when she married W. K. Steele, and she is now the mother of two children, Marjory and Mary L. The second daughter, Nellie J., died at the age of two years, while William H., the only boy of the family, is living at home and is about to engage in the business with his father.

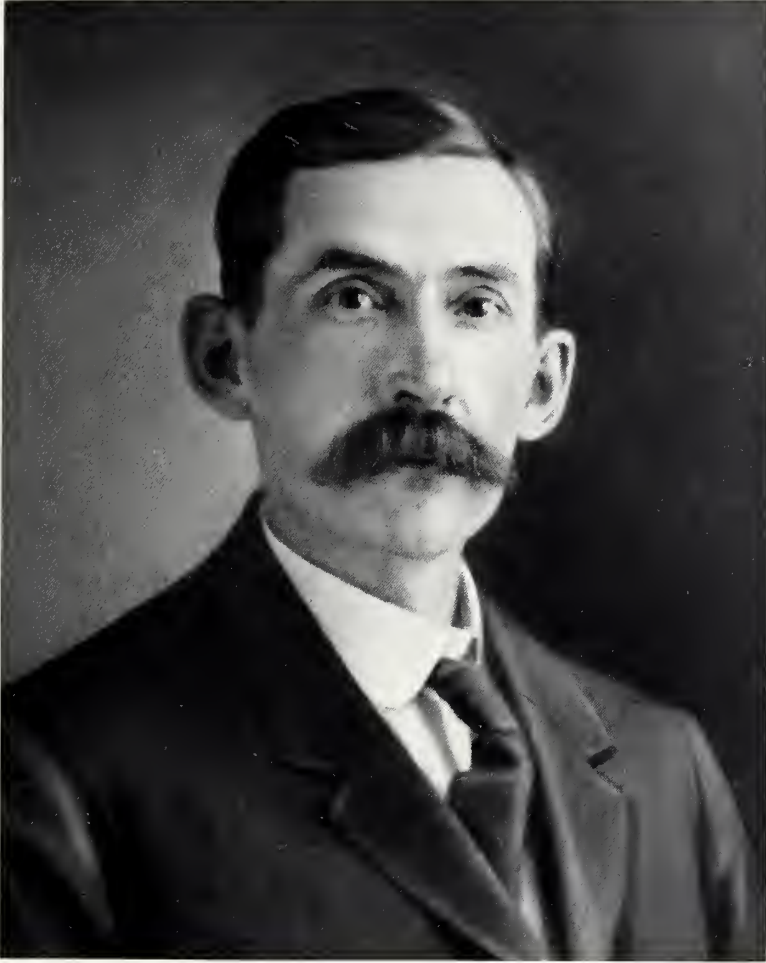
As a result of Mr. Batson's business prosperity he is the owner of ten lots in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in addition to the property which he owns in West Virginia. While always devoting a great deal of time to business and family, Mr. Batson found time while in Cameron to fill the office of councilman, as a result of the desires of the people, who appreciated his fine judgment and executive ability, and the work that he did while serving in this capacity was ample justification of his election. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America, and in addition holds membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Moundsville.

WALTER H. LOPER, cashier of the Bank of Cameron, has been so closely identified with the progress of this prosperous concern since its organization that it may be of interest to give a brief history of the bank's development in connection with the biography of Mr. Loper. In 1896 the bank was organized, with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and officers as follows: J. W. Dunlavey, president; J. A. Hicks, vice-president; W. M. Nowell, cashier; W. H. Loper, assistant cashier. The bank had increased its capital to fifty thousand dollars, with a surplus of sixty thousand dollars. Its present officers are T. C. Pipes, president; S. B. Hinerman, vice-president; W. H. Loper, cashier.

Mr. Loper was born at Cameron, West Virginia, April 20, 1867, and is the son of John and Lavenia (Harris) Loper. The father claims Lloydsville, in Belmont county, Ohio, as the scene of his nativity, where his birth occurred in 1836, and where he was educated in the common schools and later learned the carpenter's trade. In 1862 he came to Cameron, West Virginia, where he worked as a carpenter until 1868, at which time he opened the first hardware store in Cameron. He may be considered as a pioneer of the town, as he had helped to build many of the first houses of the place. When he opened his store his personality was such that he soon built up a large trade; it is true that his wares were first class, but much of his success was due to his genial smile and his hearty methods of greeting customers. His many sterling qualities also secured for him a host of friends in Cameron—friends who would stand by him under all circumstances. He was a consistent member of the Christian church, and was actively affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died in 1876, aged thirty-nine years and nine months, leaving his widow and three children to mourn their loss. Walter H. is the only survivor of the family at this writing.

Mrs. John Loper was the daughter of Alfred Harris and Matilda (Buck) Harris, whose marriage was solemnized on the 25th day of April, 1825, at Morgantown, Virginia, and to this union nine children were born, as follows: Mrs. Ann Walker, Mrs. Elizabeth Bebout, Mrs. J. McCuskey, Mrs. J. Gillespie, Mrs. F. M. Reynolds, Susan, Theodore, Walter B. and Lavenia (who married Mr. Loper). Mr. and Mrs. Harris moved to Cameron with their family in 1858, where he was the first harness maker in the town, and as a matter of course he made the acquaintance of John Loper immediately after his arrival in Cameron, with the result that a marriage was contracted between Mr. Loper and Mr. Harris' daughter, Lavenia, as above indicated.

Walter H. Loper attended the public schools in Cameron and made very good use of his opportunities, but his education did not end when he left school, for he has never ceased to be a student. He has filled positions of trust and responsibility, and as a recognition of his uprightness of character and marked abilities various honors have been bestowed upon him. Among other offices which Mr. Loper has held we



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may mention that he served the city of Cameron in the capacity of recorder and is at this time—in addition to his bank connection—secretary of the Cameron Heat & Light Company. We have already referred to Mr. Loper's position at the bank, and it is only due to him to add that its advancement during the last ten years has been largely the result of his efficient work as cashier.

In 1889 Mr. Loper married Miss Bertie Hicks, a native of Cameron, and the daughter of John A. and S. E. Hicks, old residents of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Loper are the parents of six children, five of whom are living: Helen, Virginia, Maxine, John and Robert.

Mr. Loper is a member of the Masonic order, his direct affiliation being with Cameron Lodge, No. 17, Free and Accepted Masons, and he has as high standing with his fraternal brethren as with the citizens of Cameron in general, and, in that he has been in their midst all of his life, they have reason to know him thoroughly.

GEORGE C. WELLS is superintendent of the Tri-State Gas Company of Wellsburg and is a prominent citizen of that locality. He has had an active business career since he reached his majority, and the ability with which he handled the work of earlier years led to his choice for the present responsible position, which he has filled since January, 1897.

Mr. Wells, who is a representative of one of West Virginia's oldest families, was born in Brooke county, January 7, 1873. After an education in the common schools he went to Pittsburgh, where he was graduated from Duff's College in 1894, and there entered upon his business career. For several years he was in the life insurance work, being with the Metropolitan of Pittsburgh, later represented the New York Mutual at Wheeling, and in 1896 came to Wellsburg and joined the J. M. Cooper Agency Company. A year later he was called to his present work.

Mr. Wells is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. He was married in 1899 to Miss Alberta Bonar, daughter of R. M. and Massa Bonar. They have one daughter, Gunelda.

The Wells family of which he is a member has an interesting ancestral history. There were two branches of the same name but one of Welsh stock and the other of English, and by marriage they were united, as will be mentioned later. The first ancestor known with definiteness was Benjamin Wells, of the Welsh stock, who married Temperance Butler, and they had a son Charles, who was born near Baltimore, April 6, 1745. Charles married, first Michal Owens, and second, Elizabeth Prather, and by his two wives had twenty-two children. Most of the family moved to the Panhandle of Virginia and Charles' brothers settled in Brooke county. One of the children was Absalom, who married Michal Wells, of English ancestry, thus uniting two separate stocks of the same name.

John Wells, probably a son of this Absalom, had the following children: John, born in 1788; Benjamin, in 1789; Thomas, in 1790; Charles, in 1791; Bazaleel, in 1792; Joshua, in 1794; Absalom, in 1795; and Ruth, in 1797.

Of these children, Absalom was the great-grandfather of Mr. Wells of this sketch. His wife was Michal Lazear, and their children were: Jesse, Actius, Temperance, Butler, Benjamin, Michal, Leah, John D., Sally, Bazaleel, Dorinda, and Jesse (2).

Bazaleel Wells, son of Absalom, was born in Brooke county, West Virginia, and followed the pursuit in which most of the members of the family have always engaged, agriculture. He married, November 20, 1819, Nancy McIntire, and their twelve children were: Absalom, Robert,

Ezbia, Michal, Milton, Lottie, Bazaleel, Tolbert, Ann, John D., William B. and an infant.

Bazaleel, son of Bazaleel and father of Mr. George C. Wells, was a native of Brooke county and was a substantial farmer on one hundred and fifty acres of land in this county. Both he and his wife are now deceased. His first wife was Elizabeth Hogg, and they were parents of three children, Sallie, Annie M. and Myra. He afterward married Miss Nancy A. Cooper, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio. Their three children were George C., Frances B. and Bertha M.

Being among the original pioneers who came to West Virginia, the members of this family have always taken an active part in the development of the country, and though seldom engaged in any but the quiet pursuits of agriculture have been worthy citizens, respected and honored in every sphere of life.

O. K. WARD, superintendent and manager of the Parrs Run Mine at Moundsville, is a successful coal operator and has spent all his active career in the engineering and practical problems of mining. He has been connected with the Parrs Run Mine as superintendent since it was opened in 1909, and under his direction the plant has been developed until it is now one of the large producing mines of the state.

The Bituminous Coal Company of America began operations at this location in 1909, but it is under the new management of the Parrs Run Coal Company, consisting of the firm of Hunter & Levi, who leased the mine in 1911, that the mine is being developed to a normal capacity. The company controls twelve hundred acres of surface, and though the output has been only about two hundred tons a day the plant has recently been reconstructed so that two thousand tons will be brought to the surface each working day. The mine has been equipped with the most modern appliances and at full running capacity about five hundred men are employed. Most of the output goes north and to the lake country.

Mr. Ward is a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1876. His parents, Thomas and Sarah (Somach) Ward, were natives of Washington and Fayette counties respectively, his father being a substantial farmer in the former county. Mr. Ward is the oldest of their five children, and was reared on the home farm, getting a practical education for his future career in the district schools. When he was eighteen years old he took up the profession of civil and mining engineering, in which he attained a proficiency that brought his services into demand by various companies. He was actively engaged in the profession until 1904, when he himself became a coal operator, which has since been his chief business.

In June, 1900, Mr. Ward married Miss Lillian, daughter of Mrs. Eliza Felton. They are the parents of three children: Oliver, born in 1906; Margaret, born in 1908; and Helen, born in October, 1910.

REV. SAMUEL WELLINGTON.—Where eminent abilities and unblemished integrity, combined with unimpeachable virtue, derivable from the daily practice of religion and piety, contribute to adorn the character of an individual, then it is most proper to be prominently set forth as an example to those who would make themselves useful to the rest of mankind. This acceptable service can be set forth in no better way than to briefly sketch the career of Rev. Samuel Wellington, the beloved pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Follansbee, West Virginia.

Rev. Wellington was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1852, and was the tenth in order of birth of the twelve children born to John and



Blanchard E. Shady.

Mary (James) Wellington. He was reared and educated in his native county, and in his youth displayed characteristics that prophesied a useful career, being an apt and diligent scholar, studious and reflective. He began preaching in 1883, and eight years later was ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, since which time he has served the following charges: Athens, Coolville, Howard, Stafford, Big Prairie and Millersburg, all in Ohio; Greensburg, Sharpsville, Bolliver, Johnstown and Carmichael, in Pennsylvania; and in 1908 he was appointed to the charge at Follansbee, West Virginia. Since coming here Rev. Wellington has been the means of many improvements and additions made in the church and parish. His clerical jurisdiction is of no small extent, and he finds ample scope for his characteristic zeal and energy, and here, as in all his previous incumbencies, he has gained for himself an enviable popularity and the well-merited love and esteem of his parishioners. The Follansbee church is associated with the Collier church and in the Conference is known as the Collier Circuit. The beautiful edifice of concrete, resembling stone, is capable of seating three hundred people and was built in 1905. Under the Rev. John Hull, the first pastor of this church, there were ten charter members in the congregation, which now consists of eighty persons, while the Sabbath-school has an enrollment of one hundred and eight pupils. An eloquent speaker, a kind advisor and loving friend and a zealous worker in the service of his Master, Rev. Wellington has won a place for himself in the hearts of the people of his community both in and outside of his congregation, and should prove an inspiration to the younger members of the cloth who have still to make their influence felt.

In 1870 Rev. Wellington was happily married to Miss Wildie Simpson, who was born in 1854, the estimable daughter of Thomas and Susan Simpson, and to this union there have been born six children, namely: Annie, John T., Mary E., Myrtle, James and Rosie L. Of these Annie and James are deceased.

BLANCHARD E. HIATT, the efficient United States national bank examiner and formerly chief clerk for the United States Stamping Company, has proved himself to be the worthy son of his revered father—the well-known divine so prominent in Moundsville as well as in various other sections of the country. The fact that a man is the son of a minister does not always imply that the noble characteristics of the sire were transmitted to the son—indeed it too frequently happens that the worthiness of the son is in inverse proportion to that of his ministerial father. Mr. Blanchard Hiatt, however, has not only given evidence of the high moral sense which was characteristic of Dr. Hiatt, but he has shown himself to be possessed of commercial as well as literary abilities, which have given him the high standing in Moundsville circles which he enjoys today.

On the 20th day of April, 1872, Mr. Hiatt made his first appearance on the stage of life, the first scene of which was cast in an Indiana Methodist parsonage. His parents were the Rev. A. J. Hiatt, D. D., and Ursula (Brock) Hiatt, the former a native of Westfield, Indiana, where he passed his boyhood and attended the public schools. His theological training was obtained at Earlham College, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated and forthwith commenced what has proved to be a truly remarkable career, since in its course he was instrumental in building fourteen churches and six parsonages. In the year 1904 he accepted a call to the Methodist Episcopal church of Moundsville, and during the five years of his pastorate he planned the brown stone edifice with which the residents of Moundsville are so familiar and of which they are so

justly proud, since it is acknowledged to be one of the handsomest churches in the whole of West Virginia. Its cost was seventy-five thousand dollars and its seating capacity is seventeen hundred; it was dedicated to the worship of God in the month of June, 1908. This is but one instance of the achievements of Dr. Hiatt, famed alike throughout his own denomination as well as sister churches. He is now living at Huntington, West Virginia, useful as ever to the community in whose midst he finds himself placed.

Blanchard Hiatt, one of a family of two children, Blanchard and Burchard—commenced in his infancy to breathe the pure, Christian atmosphere which surrounded him, and which has had much to do with the shaping of his later life. He was not only possessed of a Christian father, but a pious mother, whose teachings he has never forgotten. When the lad had reached the proper age he entered the district school in his neighborhood, later passed through the high school, and in 1892 was graduated from Richmond college, Ohio, at which institution he received the degree of B. A. Up to the time when he left college he had not fully determined in what lines his life would be cast, but began to teach school in an adjacent town to Cleveland, Ohio. For a period of five years his work as an educator was successfully continued, but he realized that his best work could not be performed in the pedagogical field, since his talents were more strongly developed in other ways. In 1900 he came to Moundsville, where for five years he was cashier in the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, and when that institution was purchased by the present Mercantile Banking and Trust Company Mr. Hiatt accepted a position in the Parkersburg Banking and Trust Company, of Parkersburg, West Virginia. After two years' service with this corporate concern, in the capacity of trust officer and assistant cashier, he resigned his position and returned to Moundsville to fill the important post he held until June, 1911, which was that of chief clerk of the United States Stamping Company. That he had "made good" his retention in the office was ample proof, for no sooner had he been appointed to the office of National Bank examiner than he was released from a contract with the United States Stamping Company.

On December 27, 1894, Mr. Hiatt was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Wells, of Albion, Pennsylvania, and to this union three children were born—A. J. (the namesake of his grandfather), Ursula and Helen. All three of these young people have become musicians of considerable ability and the home is pervaded by the refining, elevating influence of music. The father is a lover of music and is the possessor of a strong, pure voice; for the past seven years he has held the position of chorister in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which mention has been made in connection with Dr. Hiatt. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Hiatt, is acknowledged to be the finest drilled choir in the whole of Marshall county, if not in the entire state of West Virginia.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements exacted by reason of his office and church positions, Mr. Hiatt is prominent in lodge life. He is a Mason of high standing, having taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite branch, and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. For two terms he held the office of master of Marshall Union Lodge, No. 8, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is also affiliated with the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias, in which order he holds the office of chief engineer—ranking as high as brigadier-general in military circles. Mr. Hiatt is distinctly sociable in his nature, hospitable in the extreme, and a social evening spent in the Hiatt home is productive of enjoyment to guests and hosts alike.

JOHN D. HALL, a prominent coal operator in the Wheeling district, is part owner of the Hall & Gilhooly mine at Bellaire, and has been actively identified with mining operations in the Ohio valley since he attained manhood.

He was born at Salinesville, Columbiana county, Ohio, in January, 1870. His father, John Hall, was an Englishman, reared and educated in his native land, and on immigrating to America first settled in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he began mining. At his next place of residence, Salinesville, he was operator of a mine, and he also conducted a mine at Monongahela, Pennsylvania. Moving to Wegee, in Belmont county, Ohio, he began mining with his son, but after a few years of successful operation he retired, moved to Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and bought a farm, where he spent the rest of his life in the peaceful pursuit of agriculture. His wife, Helen (Donaldson) Hall, is still living and has her home with her son John D. The seven children in their family were as follows: William, of Braddock, Pennsylvania; Mary, of Brownsville, Pennsylvania; Robert, of Fayette City, Pennsylvania; John D.; Elizabeth, of Brownsville, Pennsylvania; Isabella, of Bellaire, Ohio; and Thomas, deceased.

Mr. John D. Hall began his schooling in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and later in Duff College. In the vacation periods of his school life he laid the basis of his future career by working for his father, and assisted the latter in operating the mine at Wegee. From there he moved to Bellaire and formed the partnership with Mr. Patrick Gilhooly. They are considered among the largest independent operators in this section, and are experts in this business. By personal industry, a capacity for handling men and industrial undertaking, and of sound business judgment, Mr. Hall has attained a successful position among the leaders of enterprise.

He and his family are prominent in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bellaire, and he is also a popular member of fraternal orders.

Mr. Hall married Miss Mattie Neyser, daughter of Henry and Alice (Austin) Neyser. Her family were among the early settlers of Belmont county and have always been prominent citizens of that locality. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall—Margaret and Henry.

HENRY A. NOLTE, a prominent attorney of Wheeling, who is recognized as one of the ablest corporation lawyers of the city, won his place in the profession through hard work and solid ability. He worked at a trade while getting his education in the law, and on admission to the bar applied himself with a splendid diligence and thoroughness of scholarship to the problems of practice. He has a fine record of success and has been represented in a good share of the litigation originating in the courts of this district.

Mr. Nolte was born at Benwood, West Virginia, October 7, 1876, a son of Henry and Hannah (Carl) Nolte. After finishing at the public schools he learned and worked at the barber's trade. During this time he attended night school, and later took special courses in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and from there in 1901 entered the University of West Virginia, at Morgantown, where he pursued his law studies three years, until graduation. He was admitted to the bar in 1904, and soon after opened an office in Wheeling. Corporation law has been his specialty, and his business has consisted largely in this class of cases and counsel practice. He is now serving his second term as referee in bankruptcy. Mr. Nolte served five years as treasurer of the Ohio county Republican

committee. He is one of the progressive citizens of Wheeling, and is a member of the Municipal League. Fraternally he affiliates with Wheeling Lodge No. 28, B. P. O. E. His church is the Lutheran.

Mr. Nolte married Miss Louise Kunkel, a daughter of Carl Kunkel, of Wheeling. They are the parents of three children: Henrietta, Carolina and Edmond.

GEORGE F. JACKSON is superintendent and general manager of the Spear & Riddle factory at Glendale. These manufacturers of gasoline engines have been in business a number of years, and their output has a standard reputation for efficiency among the trade. Mr. Jackson learned his trade with this company, and has since attained the chief place of responsibility in the conduct of the plant.

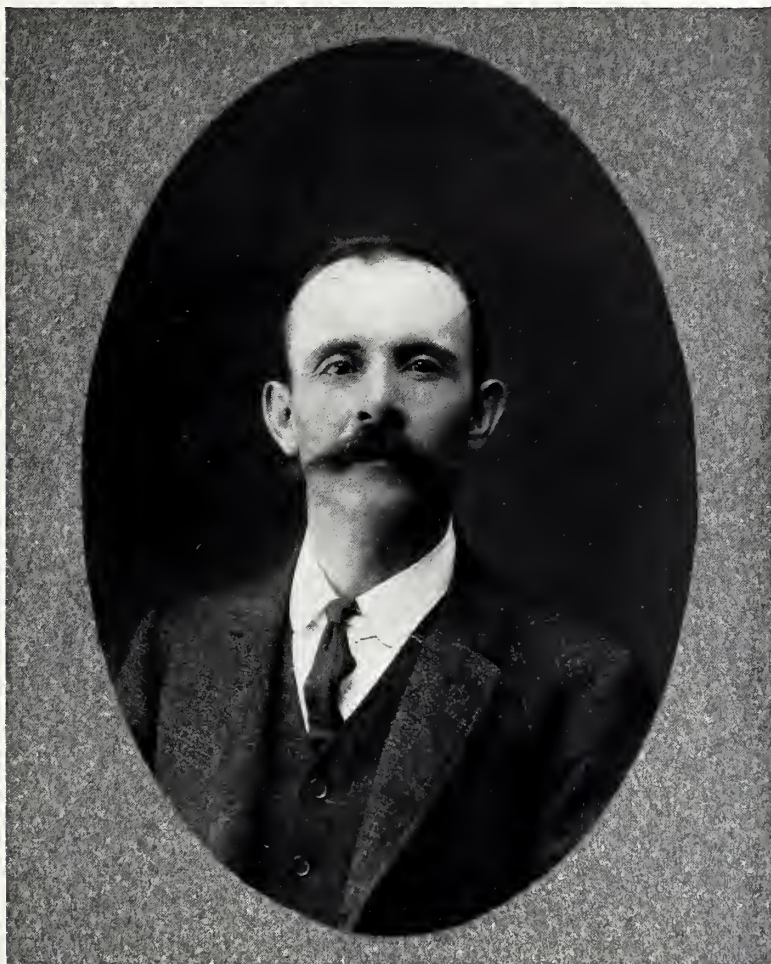
He was born in Wheeling, in 1874, and is one of the four children of Joseph and Jennie Jackson. His father died in 1882. At Wheeling he was reared and educated and at an early age began learning his trade in the shops of Spear & Riddle in Wheeling. His natural aptitude for things mechanical needed only experience to produce a first-class machinist, and he has long been recognized as one of the ablest men in his line of work. He has been superintendent of the Spear & Riddle plant thirteen years. After twelve years as superintendent he then spent six years elsewhere, at Dayton, Ohio, and Jackson, Michigan. In the latter city he was in an automobile factory, and at Dayton he was superintendent of a machine shop. In 1910 he returned to the Spear & Riddle shops, and resumed his direction of the plant.

On May 4, 1903, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage with Miss Lola Zimmerman. They have two children: Norman F. and Helen J.

CHARLES A. JONES, a progressive and enterprising contractor and builder in Moundsville, has been contracting in the city during the past five years and has been connected in some way with the building trade for a period of twenty years. He constantly keeps abreast of the most up-to-date improvements in the building line. In this age of keen rivalry and limitless aspirations a man cannot get ahead and remain there unless he plans ahead. Mr. Jones has constantly added new rungs to his ladder and kept on climbing to reach the unattained heights.

Mr. Jones was born in Mannington, Marion county, West Virginia, December 2, 1868, and is the son of John E. and Rachel A. (Kerns) Jones, the former of Welsh origin and the latter of Holland descent. John E. Jones was a native of West Virginia, where he was educated and when a young man entered the lumber business. He was eminently successful and was enabled to give his nine children many advantages, educational and otherwise. He died in the year 1905, at Mannington, West Virginia.

Charles A. Jones, the eldest of the children, spent the first few years of his life in Mannington, West Virginia, where he entered the public schools. His parents then moved to Pennsylvania and he continued his education in that state. After he had completed his general schooling he returned to West Virginia and learned carpentering with Smith Risinger, of Moundsville; later he studied architectural and mechanical drawing that he might be thoroughly equipped in all branches of the building business. To say that he is a good workman is a very moderate manner of expressing his proficiency. It is only necessary to see some of the work which he has planned and erected to realize that he is thoroughly qualified to satisfactorily fill large contracts. Some of the most beautiful dwellings in Moundsville were erected by him and he now (1911) has



C. A. Jones

contracts for some handsome modern houses. It is twenty years since he commenced carpentering; eight years later he developed into a builder, while since 1906 he has for the most part limited himself to contracting. His brother William is working for him, and the two brothers are the only members of the family in West Virginia.

In 1881 Mr. Jones was happily united in marriage to Miss Lizzie McMullen, a native of West Virginia, and to this union nine children were born, as follows: Jesse, Nellie, Theodore (deceased), Albert, Mary, Flossie, Cecil, Charles A., Jr., and Geneva. Mr. Jones, although well-known as a contractor, is equally prominent as a politician. His fellow citizens showed their appreciation of his lofty character and his executive ability by twice electing him to the high office of mayor (while he was living at Smithfield, West Virginia), and he has served two terms. He has also served one term as justice of the peace, his decisions having been just and yet lenient at the same time. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to Smithfield, West Virginia, Lodge of Knights of Pythias, and was a member of the Uniformed Rank of that order. He is an active church worker, holding membership in the Baptist church—has a seat in the advisory board and is superintendent of the Sunday school. Indeed Mr. Jones has so many and such varied interests that it is small wonder that he is popular in all circles—the business world, the realm of politics, social and religious life. His manners are unassuming yet there is no one in Moundsville who does more for the uplift of the community than Charles A. Jones.

JESSE WARNER.—In the city of Moundsville, where the growth has been so rapid, it is natural that there should be a large number of builders and contractors within its limits. Mr. Warner is among the foremost of the men engaged in his line of work, and he has attained this high position and reputation because of his own individual abilities. He took pains to thoroughly equip himself for competition with others before he commenced his work. He not only learned the details of the business he intended to follow, but in addition made himself master of kindred branches.

Born May 20, 1880, in Marshall county, within a short distance of the scene of his present activities, Mr. Warner is the son of A. F. and L. V. (Cox) Warner. When a mere boy the father immigrated from Germany, his native land, and took up his residence in Marshall county, West Virginia. There he married the daughter of one of the old residents of Marshall county and together they reared their six children. Mr. Warner was identified with the lumber industry for a number of years and was considered an entire success; he made money and was able to give his family many advantages, educational and otherwise.

Jesse, eldest of the Warner family, received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of Moundsville, and when he had completed the curriculum prescribed—including a high school course—he began to study architectural engineering, thereby fitting himself to do his own designing and to draw his own specifications in the building work in which he later engaged. Beginning in 1900 as a builder, he soon began to take his own contracts and since 1904 he has been doing a large building and contracting business in Moundsville. He finds his time fully occupied, as he has as much work as he can handle and his completed contracts never fail of giving satisfaction. He does business on both sides of the Ohio river and has a high standing throughout the state of West Virginia.

In 1904, the year which initiated his work in Moundville, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Miss Daisy Caldwell, a native of this city. Their children are three in number, Ralph, Virginia and Helen.

Mr. Warner is prominent in lodge circles, is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Encampment and holds the office of Patriarch Militant. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, in which body he holds the office of venerable counsel.

H. E. WEISGERBER.—As a mechanical engineer and general machinist probably no one stands higher in his profession at Wheeling than Mr. H. E. Weisgerber, now proprietor of the machine shops at 1717-1718 Eoff street. He has had a long and useful career, the beginning of which was in an humble capacity when he was a boy, and by industry and solid ability he has promoted himself to front rank in his vocation.

Mr. Weisgerber was born in Wheeling, December 7, 1855. His parents were John and Josephine (Bush) Weisgerber, both now deceased. His father followed the occupation of shoemaker. They were members of the German Lutheran church. After an education in the public and parish schools, at the age of fifteen he started to earn his own way as an errand boy in a store, working at this two years, and was then with the McClain Drug Company six months in the same capacity.

He was about seventeen years old when he began his four years' apprenticeship in the shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and he continued in that employ for sixteen years. Part of the time he was foreman of the turning shop, later he was night foreman, and for three years was master mechanic. On leaving the B. & O. he accepted the office of general manager of the Wheeling & Elm Grove Railroad, with which he remained from 1891 to about 1898. As general manager he converted this line from a steam road to an electric line. He was then connected with the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Terminal Railroad as master mechanic for two years. In 1902 Mr. Weisgerber established a business of his own, purchasing the old Readman shops. In 1907 he moved to his present location, where he built new shops, installed modern machinery, and does a large business in general machine work and repairing.

Mr. Weisgerber is a public-spirited citizen and has taken an active part in civic and other movements for the general progress of his home community. He is a strong Democrat in politics, and was elected to the city council for one term from the second ward, which is the Republican stronghold of the city. He also served two years as a member of the board of water works. For the past ten years he has been vice president of the St. James German Lutheran congregation. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

On the 13th of May, 1878, Mr. Weisgerber was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Pracht, of Wheeling. They are the parents of three children: Lois E.; Harry K., who married Miss Lillie Sham; and Milton J., now deceased.

JOHN S. WELTY.—In the wholesale district of Wheeling one of the oldest and most substantial houses is that of John S. Welty & Sons, wholesale grocers, located at 1044 Market street. The founder of the business and his sons are progressive and vigorous business builders, have maintained their house at a high reputation among the trade, and have kept the business growing through a long course of years.

The business under the name of Welty has been in continuous existence in Wheeling since 1864. It was started as a retail store, and about



Albert S. Winter

ten years later a wholesale department was opened, and for many years the firm has been solely in the wholesale trade. In 1902 Mr. Welty admitted his sons John H. and Albert P. to partnership, at which time the firm name became John S. Welty & Sons. Mr. Welty erected the substantial four-story building, thirty-three by one hundred and thirty-five feet, at this location, and the business now occupies all four floors, and a corps of twenty-two employes are required to handle the work and trade. This was the first and is still the only wholesale or retail grocery house in the city to employ an auto-truck in delivery of goods.

Mr. John S. Welty, the founder of this business and one of the ablest citizens of Wheeling, was born in this city, May 28, 1846. His parents, John and Mary Welty, came from Germany when young and both lived in this city until death. His early education was obtained in the public schools, the Linsly Institute and the Wheeling Business College. Being brought up in a hotel, he learned that business first but did not follow it as his chosen career. When he was about eighteen years old he established his retail grocery, and with the energy and capability of the born business man developed it to the success which it has now enjoyed for many years.

Mr. Welty is also a director in the Dollar Savings & Trust Company. He is an old-line Democrat and he and his family are members of St. Joseph's Cathedral. He was married in 1869 to Miss Bertha Zoeckler, daughter of Peter Zoeckler, of Wheeling. They have a family of eight children, namely: Mamie is the wife of James T. Handlan, of Wheeling, and they have four children, John, William, Mary and Bertha; Flora May is the wife of Charles Beck, of Philadelphia, and they have one child, Virginia; the other children live at home and are as follows: Bess; Genevieve; Regina; John H., a member of the firm; Albert P., also in his father's business; and Elmer, who is bookkeeper for the firm.

ALBERT S. WINTER is the present postmaster of Moundsville and is a native son of Marshall county, where he has been a useful citizen and taken an active part in public and educational affairs since he reached manhood. His appointment to the postoffice, which occurred April 1, 1911, was a special honor to a young man whose career has gained him popularity among all classes of citizens. The Moundsville postoffice is of the second class, and employs six clerks and five city carriers, and is also the center of two rural delivery routes.

Mr. Winter, who was born in Marshall county, June 3, 1880, represents one of the oldest families in this region. The Winters were settlers here when the possession of the land had to be contested with the Indians and were among the pioneers who slept with their guns beside them. Most of the members of the family have followed agriculture and have been substantial and worthy citizens of their communities. Mr. Winter's parents were John B. and Sarah (Sloan) Winter, both natives of this county. Their family consisted of eight children, Albert S. being the oldest.

His early education he obtained in the common schools of the county and at the West Liberty Normal, where he prepared himself for teaching. He followed this vocation for seven years, and his success in this work first brought him into prominence in public affairs, by his election to the office of county superintendent of schools. His term of four years was productive of great benefits to county education, and he left the office to assume the duties of his new position as postmaster. Mr. Winter is a member of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

He was married in 1903 to Miss Luetta Sivert, daughter of B. F. and Eva Sivert. They are the parents of three children: Harry S., James P. and Lawrence A.

C. W. MORRIS, mayor of McMechen, has for many years been connected with the railroad service and is a popular member of railroad circles and prominent among the citizens of his home city. From early manhood he has been an enterprising worker and his career is of interest to many people.

He was born in Monroe county, Ohio, January 5, 1871, the son of Nelson and Margaret (Foster) Morris, the former a native of England and the latter of Ireland. He is the only one of their nine children resident in this vicinity. His early years were passed in his native county, where he attended the public schools, and as a boy he learned the blacksmith's trade. For a time he was tool-dresser in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, but at the age of twenty, in 1891, he entered railroad service as a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. In 1895 he was promoted to conductor, and was one of the efficient men of the company up to 1904, when an accident occurred in which he lost his right leg. For his fidelity to the railroad, the company honored him with the position of assistant trainmaster, which office he still holds. After leaving the active work of railroading he also engaged in the lumber business and was a successful contractor and builder up to 1909. Two of the fine houses which he built in McMechen are still owned by him. A well known citizen and an active worker for the best interests of his home town, his fellow townsmen elected him, in March, 1909, to the office of mayor, and his administration has been marked by many pleasing features of progress and efficiency. Mr. Morris is a charter member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

In 1903 he married Miss Mamie J. Peel, of Benwood. Their two children are Mary M. and Nelson G.

W. J. MORGAN, the prominent coal operator and mining engineer of Bellaire, has been connected with the coal-producing industry of western Pennsylvania and the vicinity about Wheeling for nearly forty years. A native of Wales, he came to America a young man with large capabilities but without means, he won recognition for efficiency in his work, and his business progress year by year has been toward the larger responsibilities and achievements.

Mr. Morgan was born March 5, 1849, the only son of John and Sarah (Hughes) Morgan, the three daughters of the family being M., Ann and Cecelia. The father was a contractor and miner of Wales, where he and all his family have spent their lives with the exception of W. J. Morgan.

The latter received his education in Wales and prepared for the profession of mining engineer. For six years he was in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company in Wales and connected with the operating department of the mining industry. The opportunities being limited in the old country, he sought the unbounded industrial field of America, where men of executive and technical ability are always in demand. He arrived in this country in 1874 and first located in the Pittsburgh district, in Allegheny county. Here he became a superintendent of slope mines and opened some of these for the promoters, and in 1882 was made a partner in one of the operating companies. He afterward became president of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and he opened the Buffalo mines. He also spent a few years in the Colorado mining

district. He was also at one time sole proprietor of the Slope Mining Company at Bridgeville. Mr. Morgan has been connected with the mining interests about Bellaire for some time, and he bought coal lands and began the opening of some important mines in this vicinity. He has been president of a mining company, and has been one of the most active operators in this district. Mr. Morgan now spends his winters in Daytona.

He was married to Miss Ella S. Neish. They have three children: Arthur, Mabel and Donald. The family are members of the Presbyterian church.

T. H. HAMMOND, of an old and prominent family of Brooke county, is intimately connected with the business and industrial activities of Wellsburg as general manager of the S. George Company and the Harvey Paper Company. One of Wellsburg's oldest and best known institutions is the Harvey paper mill. On the site of the present city water works, and nearly opposite S. George Company's mill, McCluny & Mayhall erected a brick structure for the manufacture of paper in 1835. This mill was burned in 1848 but was rebuilt in 1851. The original firm changed to McCluny, Grimes & McCluny, and later to McCluny, Grimes & Company, and after the rebuilding of the mill the firm of Harvey, Manser & Company operated it for the making of straw wrapping paper up to 1861. In 1852, at the site of the present Harvey mill, Messrs. Jones, McCrea & Company had erected a paper mill, which was then and has since been known in Wellsburg as the "Lower Paper Mill." In 1857 Harvey, Manser & Company bought this property and continued to operate both mills until 1861, at which date the upper mill was abandoned. The lower mill afterwards came into the possession of William Harvey, who at his death in 1876 passed it on to his sons, Benjamin and W. H. Harvey, who conducted it under the name of Harvey Brothers. They remodeled and refitted the mill with modern machinery in 1883, and in 1884 the Harvey Paper Company was incorporated. Aside from the improvements in keeping the mill up to modern standards no important changes have occurred since that time. It is employed in the manufacture of rope paper goods, used for flour and cement sacks, and various grades of jute paper and wrapping paper. In recent years the output has been increased from six thousand pounds a day to eleven thousand, and the goods have a wide distribution over the territory tributary to Wellsburg.

Mr. Hammond has been a factor in the history of this institution since 1909, when he assumed the management of the mill. His business experience has been extensive and he has been numbered among the progressive business men of this vicinity for the past twenty years. Born in Brooke county in 1869, and reared on a farm and educated in the district schools, at the age of eighteen he began working for the *Daily Local* of Wellsburg, and in 1888 became connected with the S. George Company as an employe in its printing department. In 1892 he was promoted to manager of that department, and on the incorporation of the business the same year he became treasurer of the company. He became general manager of the company in 1911. For six years Mr. Hammond has been a member of the city council, and has co-operated in all the plans and movements of recent years for the general progress of Wellsburg.

In 1896 he married Miss Martha Scott, the daughter of Robert and Dora Scott, of Wellsburg. They have two children, Helen and Dorothy.

The history of the Brooke county branch of the Hammond family is preserved in its consecutive generations from the time it was founded in America during the colonial era of the seventeenth century. The first ancestor of the family in this country was a conspicuous figure in the colony. He was Major General John Hammond, who came to America in 1677. Besides being a major general in the king's service, he represented the home government in the council and as judge of the court of the province. He died November 27, 1708, at the age of sixty-four.

The succeeding generations down to the present are: (II) William Hammond, son of Major General John, died January 29, 1711; he married Elizabeth Moore. (III) Benjamin, son of William, married Margaret Talbot. (IV) George, son of Benjamin, was born in Maryland, February 11, 1706, and married, first, Sarah Eagle, and second, Elizabeth Wells. His children were: Charles, Harry, Mary, Helen, Shandy, Rezin, Rachel, Thomas, Francis, Susan, Eliza, Rebecca, Catherine and Talbot. (V) Talbot, son of George and Elizabeth, was for many years a prosperous farmer of Brooke county. He married Hannah Collins, a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and their children were: George, Mary, Sallie, Thomas, Nancy, Charles, Elizabeth, Alma, William and Wylie.

(VI) William, son of Talbot and father of the Wellsburg business man, was born in Brooke county and is a well known citizen and farmer of this vicinity. He married Laura Mulholland, a native of Pennsylvania, who is now deceased. Their children were Lucy, Mary, Virginia, James, Nelson and T. H.

T. A. KELLY.—The United States Stamping Company is one of the most important institutions of the city of Moundsville, and in this concern Mr. Kelly holds the responsible position of superintendent of its machinery department, with a corps of two hundred men under his supervision. Before a man can hope to become superintendent of any branch of industry he must give evidence of possessing two requisites: First he himself must have completely mastered the details of that particular line of work, and next he must have the ability to control men and the tact that is necessary to command the highest possible quality of service. Mr. Kelly has held the same position with the United States Stamping Company since 1901, and during that period the work for which he is responsible has been eminently satisfactory, a fact which needs no further comment.

T. A. Kelly was born on the 23d day of January, 1874, at Bellaire, Ohio. He is the son of James P. and Isabelle Kelly, both natives of Ireland, whence they immigrated in their youth and took up their residence in Ohio, where they were among the early settlers of that section of the country. Mr. Kelly, Sr., was engaged in the glass business.

T. A. Kelly, the fourth born of the family of six, was reared and educated in Bellaire and at an early age he commenced to learn the machinist's trade, making a specialty of die manufacture. He followed this line of work until 1898, at which time he accepted the position of superintendent with the Stewart Enameling Company of Bellaire, Ohio. During the two years of his connection with this corporate employer Mr. Kelly showed his ability to control his department and in 1901 he crossed the river and took charge of the machinery department of the United States Stamping Company at Moundsville, in which capacity he has served for a period of ten years.

In 1902 Mr. Kelly married Ella, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Atkinson, resident of Wheeling, where Miss Ella was born. Two children, Margaret I. and Elizabeth J., have been born to the union of the young couple.



T. C. Kelly.

Mr. Kelly holds membership with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is one of the pillars of the United Presbyterian church and serves the church in the capacity of trustee.

J. H. MOOREFIELD.—Coal mining is one of the great industries of many sections of the United States and a very large one in Ohio, in which state hundreds of acres of land are underlaid with veins of rich coal deposits. The possession of these lands and the ownership of the best modern machinery, however, would be of little avail without experienced men to guide the work of development and direct the labor of unskilled hands. In J. H. Moorefield, of Bridgeport, Ohio, the Lorain Coal and Dock Company has a valuable employe, and as superintendent of the Lansing mine for this company he fills a necessary and important position. This mine was opened in 1902 by the above mentioned company, which owns three thousand five hundred acres of land in Belmont county. Employment is afforded a large force, the normal number being four hundred and forty-one miners, and the output reaches the amount of two thousand tons of coal per day. The company is a progressive one, having installed modern machinery and making use of all the latest devices for the safe mining of coal. In conjunction with all their mines, six in number, they operate large department stores. Mr. Moorefield has been with this company for twenty-nine years.

J. H. Moorefield was born at Hope in Bartholomew county, Indiana, in 1861, and is a son of Enoch and Belinda Moorefield, who were of English ancestry but were born in Indiana. They had but two children, J. H. and Elizabeth, the latter of whom is deceased. J. H. Moorefield was reared and attended school in Ohio and was nineteen years of age when he began the life of a miner, making this his business throughout all his later years. Through practical experience he has gained his knowledge of mines and mining and perhaps is as well informed in this direction as any man of his age in Belmont county. In 1884 he became superintendent of the Lansing mine for the Lorain Coal and Dock Company and took entire charge in 1910.

In 1880 Mr. Moorefield was married to Miss Ella Ross, who is a daughter of Grant and Armenia Ross, and to this union the following children have been born: Bessie, Pearl, Goldie, Elizabeth, Charles, Effie and Freda.

Mr. Moorefield is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has risen to the degree of Sir Knight, and he also holds membership in the I. O. O. F. Encampment, in both of which he is extremely popular.

WILLIAM A. SCHRAM.—As one of the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of Bellaire, Ohio, Mr. Schram is well entitled to recognition in this publication. He has been a resident of Bellaire for the past thirty years and during the major part of this time has been engaged in the retail grocery business, in which he controls a large and appreciative trade. He has shown abiding civic loyalty and progressiveness and has been called upon to serve in various offices of public trust—preferments indicating emphatically the high regard in which he is held in the community that has so long represented his home. He is at the present time a director of the board of public service in Bellaire and is also serving as United States gauger for the Eighteenth district of Ohio, of which latter office he has been the incumbent for many years.

William A. Schram claims the old Buckeye state as the place of his nativity, and though he has been outside its borders for temporary resi-

dence he has never wavered in his allegiance to this fine old commonwealth. He was born in Washington county, Ohio, on the 22d of January, 1860, and was the third in order of birth of the five children of Jacob Schram, a native of Germany. Jacob Schram was reared to manhood in his fatherland, where he received excellent educational advantages and where he was engaged in teaching in various schools when a young man. He finally immigrated to America and for some time he was engaged in the hotel business, besides which he became a successful buyer and shipper of tobacco.

He whose name initiates this review was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Marietta, the judicial center of his native county, where he remained until he had attained to the age of nineteen years when, in 1879, he set forth in quest of adventure and new experiences in the west. He went to Denver, where he found employment along various lines, and he remained in the west about two years, at the expiration of which, in 1881, he returned to his native state and established his permanent home in Bellaire. Here he became a clerk in a grocery store, and after being thus employed, in different establishments, for some time he engaged in the same line of enterprise on his own responsibility. He has since conducted a well appointed grocery store, and the correct business methods maintained have combined with effective service in such a way as to result in the upbuilding of a most prosperous and well ordered enterprise.

In politics Mr. Schram has ever given unswerving allegiance to the cause of the Democratic party and he has given yeoman service in its local ranks. At the age of twenty-three years he was elected treasurer of his township, and he had on this occasion the distinction of being the first candidate who ever carried all of the wards of the city of Bellaire. He defeated Colonel Charles Barren, one of the best known citizens of Belmont county and one of the strongest candidates on the ticket of the Republican party in the local field. Under the administration of President Cleveland Mr. Schram was appointed United States gauger for the Eighteenth district of Ohio, and his effective service in this office has caused his retention in the same during the long intervening years, without regard to changes in partisan administration of governmental affairs. Mr. Schram has been alert and loyal in supporting all measures tending to conserve the best interests of his home city, and he has served as a director of its board of public service. He was a member of the volunteer fire department of Bellaire for a quarter of a century and continued in this service until the establishing of a paid department. He and his wife hold membership in the German Reformed church, and he is affiliated with the local organizations of the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, in which last order he has served continuously as treasurer of his lodge for nearly a quarter of a century.

In March, 1884, Mr. Schram was united in marriage to Miss Louise Hahn, daughter of Lawrence and Ursula (Barber) Hahn. Mr. and Mrs. Schram have three children—Albert, Ross and Nellie, and the family has been one of distinctive popularity in connection with the social affairs of Bellaire.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE CORPORATION.—The National Telephone Corporation was organized and incorporated under the laws of the state of West Virginia in May, 1909, for the purpose of consolidating or tying together the independent telephone companies operating in central and northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. The incorporators were John A. Howard, of Wheeling, West Virginia; S.

Stanwood Menken, of New York city; William C. Handlan, of Wheeling, West Virginia; William M. Clark, of New York city; and Samuel W. Harper, of Wheeling, West Virginia. John A. Howard was made president of the company, Samuel W. Harper was made treasurer and William C. Handlan was selected as general manager.

The company immediately commenced the work for which it had been organized and proceeded to acquire the following telephone companies: Pittsburgh and Allegheny Telephone Company, operating in Pittsburgh and the surrounding territory; the Pittsburgh and Wheeling Telephone Company, a toll line company extending from Pittsburgh to Wheeling; the National Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, operating in Washington, Pennsylvania, and surrounding territory; National Telephone Company of West Virginia, operating in northern Pan Handle of West Virginia; National Telephone Company of Ohio, operating in Steubenville, Ohio, and adjacent territory; the Belmont Telephone Company, operating in Belmont county, Ohio; the Union Telephone Company, which company's lines cover the country between Belmont county, Ohio, and Cambridge, Ohio; The Woodsfield Telephone Company, operating in Monroe county, with headquarters at Woodsfield, Ohio; the West Virginia Western Telephone Company, operating in Parkersburg and the surrounding counties in West Virginia; the Marietta Telephone Company, operating in Marietta, Ohio, and covering Washington county, Ohio; the Consolidated Telephone Company, operating in Fairmont, Clarksburg and Grafton, and the surrounding country, consisting of fourteen counties in West Virginia; the Beeghley Telephone Company, with headquarters at Weston, Lewis county, West Virginia; the Weston-Central Telephone Company, with headquarters at Burnsville, West Virginia, covering Gilmer county and extending as far south as Gassaway on the Coal and Coke Railroad; the Chartiers Telephone Company, operating that part of Pennsylvania west of Carnegie and extending practically to the Ohio river; and the National Telephone Company of Monongalia county, operating Morgantown and the adjacent territory.

The foregoing consolidation made a telephone system that was complete in itself, in a district that had a population of two millions of people and an area of about fifteen thousand square miles. These companies operate more than forty thousand telephones connected with one hundred and six offices. The combined earnings aggregate one million dollars annually and all of the constituent companies are showing a healthy increase. In many parts of the territory these companies far outnumber their competitors, in some instances as high as twenty-five to one.

WILLIAM C. HANDLAN.—For a number of years William Carroll Handlan has been connected with the telephone business at Wheeling, West Virginia, and he has just reason to be proud of the fact that to his efforts can be traced many a substantial enterprise or advancement contributing greatly to the growth and prosperity of this section of the state. In every sense of the word he is a representative citizen and a business man of marked capacity. It is to the inherent force of character and commendable ambition and the unremitting diligence of Mr. Handlan himself that he has steadily advanced in the business world until he now occupies a leading place among the energetic and successful men of Wheeling, where he is general manager for the National Telephone Corporation, a brief review of which important concern directly precedes this one.

William Carroll Handlan is a native son of Wheeling, West Virginia, and he is a scion of an old and honored family. Born on the 18th of July, 1874, he is a son of William C. and Anna Blanche (Wood) Handlan,

both of whom are now living at Wheeling. To the public schools of Wheeling Mr. Handlan, of this notice, is indebted for his preliminary educational training, and that discipline was later supplemented by a course in the celebrated Linsly Institute, of this city. As a young man Mr. Handlan became interested in the telephone business. In May, 1909, together with a number of other prominent business men of Wheeling and New York city, he organized the National Telephone Corporation, a gigantic consolidation of all the minor telephone lines in West Virginia and the surrounding states, as set forth in the preceding sketch. Mr. Handlan was elected general manager of the company, with headquarters at Wheeling, and under his able guidance a tremendous success has been insured. He is a man of unusual executive ability and dynamic energy and he is everywhere honored and esteemed for his fair and honorable business methods.

At Wheeling was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Handlan to Miss Eliza Speidel, daughter of Joseph Speidel. Mr. and Mrs. Handlan have one daughter, Sarah Jane. While Mr. Handlan has never shown aught of ambition for the honors and emoluments of public office, he is deeply interested in community affairs and gives freely of his aid and influence in support of all measures advanced for the good of the general welfare. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with Lodge No. 28 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

JAMES ANDREW SIGAFOOSE.—The name Sigafoose has long been identified with Moundsville—since in the early fifties. The ancestor of the family, Johann Jacob Ziegenfuss, as the name was originally spelled on the immigrant roll, came from western Germany or Switzerland, sailing from Rotterdam in 1751 on the ship "Brothers," Captain William Muir. He settled in eastern Pennsylvania, in that part from which sprung the Pennsylvania Dutch. The name "Ziegenfuss," literally speaking, means "Goat-foot, or perhaps the field or place of goats."

James A. Sigafoose is the cashier of the Marshall County Bank at Moundsville, and that he has attained this position of trust and responsibility is entirely the result of his own indefatigable efforts. Realizing that education is the capital which every man or woman must have in order to succeed, he set about securing this capital for himself. Education does not consist alone, or even chiefly, in book knowledge; by force of circumstances Mr. Sigafoose had very little schooling, but he read and traveled extensively and greatly profited thereby. Then, too, he studied to do everything faithfully that was laid to his charge and he perfected himself more by these efforts. He has always made the best possible use of his opportunities, and he has not always waited for opportunity to knock, but has gone out to meet her. He has become a man who is honored and admired by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Sigafoose was born June 24, 1874, the son of George and Mary (Rulong) Sigafoose. The father was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania. When yet young his parents removed to the Ohio Valley, where he became engaged in later years in the vegetable plant business, carrying the United States mail while also employed at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad station. He died in 1884, leaving a family of six children—four, Moses P., George A., Thomas H., and Charles W., by his first marriage, and two, Frank D. and James A., by his second wife, who was the daughter of an old Virginian family, dating back to 1840, when one of her ancestors immigrated to the Old Dominion from Germany, his native land. She was a devoted mother to all of the children, even to her death in 1906.



James A. Sigafos

James A., the youngest member of his family, attended the schools in Moundsville, his native town, until he was twelve years old. At that time, having been orphaned two years previously, it was necessary that the lad should earn his own living. He began by selling papers, at the same time doing the best to pick up a little additional knowledge. Many boys under similar circumstances would like to learn, but they are unwilling to pay the price, not realizing that the more knowledge a man can acquire the less his experience will cost. Mr. Sigafoose set himself to live a life of the strictest honesty, economy and a close attention to such duties as were his, and by these means secured more lucrative and more responsible positions. In 1903 he took the position of clerk in the Marshall County Bank; in 1905 he was promoted to the office of assistant cashier and in 1907 he became the cashier, which position he is capably filling now. The bank is the oldest in the county, established September 22, 1881, with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, and was at that time the only bank between Wheeling and Parkersburg and Fairmont. The first officers were: V. L. Cockayne, president; J. L. Parkinson, vice president; L. B. Doty, cashier. In 1882 H. W. Hunter was elected cashier, a position he retained for twenty-three years. In 1905 the bank started a savings department, which is proving an entire success. The capital has quadrupled since the establishment of the bank, now amounting to one hundred thousand dollars, largely out of the earnings of the institution. The bank has always enjoyed an ever increasing prosperity, and it was under the administration of the present efficient cashier that the handsome new modern banking house was erected.

In 1902, the year before Mr. Sigafoose's initial connection with the bank, he was united in marriage to Miss Lella M. Dick, daughter of S. W. and Louise Dick, long residents of Moundsville, but later moving to New York state, where both died. They have two children, James Dick and Alice Louise.

Mr. Sigafoose has not devoted his entire energies to the making of money or position, but has for years been an active member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Moundsville, at one time president of the Epworth League, also of the Wheeling district, served as steward and is now a trustee of the church. He was secretary and treasurer of the building committee during the construction of the new church edifice. He has felt and evinced great interest in all public matters and educational questions—possibly because he himself had limited school advantages. For a period of ten years he held the office of secretary of the board of education, during which time the Central school building was built. He was engaged in the mercantile business with his brother; in charge of the office of the Moundsville Electrical Company, and for five years was superintendent of the Moundsville water works. He served as secretary of the Board of Trade and was later president; he was for several years a special correspondent of the Wheeling, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati papers; and is a member of the A. O. U. W., K. G. E. and Jr. O. U. A. M.

Thus in all the relations of life Mr. Sigafoose has shown himself competent and upright, deserving of the position he holds in the bank and in the estimation of those who know him.

HUGH STERLING, who died at Steubenville, February 24, 1902, served as postmaster of Wheeling during the administrations of Presidents Hayes and Arthur, and for many years was active in the political and business life of this city.

Of an old Ohio family, he was born at Steubenville, December 30, 1842. His parents were James and Martha (Mills) Sterling, and his father who died only a few years ago, was one of the early settlers of Steubenville and for many years was a prominent merchant of that city.

The late Mr. Sterling received his education while a boy in Steubenville, and at the age of nineteen entered the service of his country. He enlisted April 18, 1861, only a few days after the fall of Sumter, in the Twenty-third Pennsylvania Infantry, and was through all the war in the campaigns and historic struggles of the Army of the Potomac. To the time of his death he was one of the prominent members of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was also a Mason, being affiliated with Ohio Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and the Knight Templar commandery.

Mrs. Sterling, who resides on Front street in Wheeling, was before her marriage Miss Matilda H. Sights, daughter of George W. and Matilda Sights, both parents representing old families of this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were married June 22, 1865, and their only child was George S. Sterling, who died May 27, 1897.

CHARLES N. HANCHER.—This well known and highly honored citizen has been a resident of Wheeling from his boyhood days and here he has been consecutively engaged in the jewelry business for thirty-two years. He has a finely equipped establishment, located at 1223 Market street, and its receives a patronage of the most substantial and representative order, the same being based alike on the excellence of service in all departments and the unqualified popularity of the proprietor, whose circle of friends in the community is coincident with that of his acquaintances.

Charles N. Hancher gained his early educational training in the public schools, but he early initiated his association with the practical affairs of life. At the age of fourteen years he secured employment in a general store at Wellsburg, Brooks county, this state, and about one year later, in 1880, he came to Wheeling and entered the employ of a local jeweler, under whose direction he learned the trade and became a skilled workman.

During the long intervening years he has continued to be actively engaged in this line of enterprise, in which definite success has been the reward of his honorable business policies and careful attention to the requirements of patrons. His store is thoroughly metropolitan in its facilities and equipment, and in the various departments a comprehensive stock is carried at all times, affording a wide range for selection.

A man of sterling character, broad sympathies and high civic ideals, Mr. Hancher has not denied his co-operation in the furtherance of measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the community, and has been specially active and liberal in the support of charitable and benevolent objects. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, but he has manifested no desire for the honors or emoluments of public office. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and holds membership in the Fort Henry Club and the Country Club, representative social organizations of his home city. Both he and his wife (who was before marriage Miss Margaret R. Mills) are zealous communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which they hold membership in the parish of St. Luke's church.



Geo. Wilhelmy

JOSEPH A. MCGUIGAN is one of the leading wholesale merchants of Wheeling. The history of this city's commercial development contains records of many old and new enterprises which have contributed to the prestige of Wheeling as a city of trade, and of the modern period one of the noteworthy establishments in the wholesale district is the Bachman-McGuigan Company, of which Mr. McGuigan is president. As a wholesale dry-goods house its trade extends pretty much over the entire Ohio valley, and its reputation is a substantial quantity in the retail business of this region.

Mr. McGuigan, whose enterprise has been largely responsible for the success of this firm, is a native of Westernport, Maryland, where he was born August 29, 1869. His parents were John and Ellen (Naughton) McGuigan. Beginning his education in the parochial schools of Westernport, he continued in the Carroll high school at Cumberland, Maryland, and at the close of school life chose a mercantile career. For a number of years he was a traveling salesman, with a wide acquaintance among hundreds of retailers, and he carried much of this trade with him when he himself engaged in wholesaling. Mr. McGuigan has been president of the Bachman-McGuigan Company since June 1, 1909.

An active member of St. Joseph's Cathedral in Wheeling, he is president of the Holy Name Society of the Cathedral, is trustee of the Knights of Columbus, and one of the board of governors and the treasurer of the Carroll Club. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers.

Mr. McGuigan was married, November 23, 1897, to Miss Hannah O'Kane. She is a daughter of the late M. J. O'Kane, whose residence in Wheeling for more than fifty years was marked by many services of public spirit. At one time he was postmaster of the city and also served in the state Legislature. Mr. and Mrs. McGuigan have three children: Robert, Margaret and Nora, all attending the Cathedral Parochial schools.

WHEELER H. BACHMAN, secretary and treasurer of the Bachman-McGuigan Company, wholesale dry goods, was born in Wheeling, March 22, 1870, and for the past sixteen years has been closely identified with the commercial activities of this city. He is a son of William P. and Lucy (Wheeler) Bachman.

Educated in the Wheeling schools, he later received a thorough training in mercantile business in the Wheeling Business College, and in 1895 engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business. His practical citizenship finds its expression as a member of the Municipal League, the Wheeling Playgrounds Association, the Associated Charities of Wheeling, and the Wheeling Board of Trade.

Mr. Bachman is a member of the Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Wheeling Country Club. His church is St. Matthews Protestant Episcopal. He married Miss Laura Edith Carr, daughter of Thomas Carr, president and general manager of the Warwick Pottery.

GEORGE WILHELM.—The Pollack cigar manufactory, in the city of Wheeling, is one whose products go forth into all sections of the country and its reputation is of the highest and most substantial order. The concern is one that has carried the name and prestige of Wheeling far and wide, and of this staunch and valued industrial institution of the West Virginia metropolis George Wilhelm is the efficient and popular manager. He has held this office for nearly a decade and a half and has contributed, through his earnest and admirable administration of the

practical business of the factory, materially to the upbuilding of the large and far-reaching enterprise, the while he holds secure place in popular esteem in his native city, where his advancement has been gained through his own ability and well directed efforts.

George Wilhelm was born in Wheeling on the 3rd of October, 1859, and is a son of Karl and Theresa (Weber) Wilhelm, both of staunch German lineage. The parents continued to reside in Wheeling until their deaths and the father's principal vocation was as messenger for the First National Bank and the German Bank. The subject of this review is indebted to the schools of Wheeling for his early educational advantages, which were somewhat limited in scope, as he assumed practical labors and responsibilities when a lad of but twelve years. Upon attaining to the age noted he secured employment in the Belmont nail factory, in the south part of the city, and later he began an apprenticeship at the trade of nail-cutter, in the same plant. He finally determined to secure a vocation demanding less arduous labor and in 1872 he entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of cigar-maker. In this connection he has long been identified with the operations of the extensive Pollack factory, in which he has won promotion through the various grades and departments of service until he has gained his present position of manager, of which he has been the valued incumbent since 1898. His thorough knowledge of all practical details of the business is combined with keen discrimination and executive ability and thus he is admirably fitted for the responsible administrative position which he now holds.

In politics Mr. Wilhelm's allegiance is given in a general way to the Republican party, but in local matters he gives his support to men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, irrespective of strict partisan lines. He is loyal and public-spirited as a citizen and takes abiding interest in all that touches the welfare of his native city. He is a member of the Associated Charities of Wheeling and is here affiliated with Excelsior Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

On December 20, 1879, Mr. Wilhelm was united in marriage to Miss Emma Blanche Hess, daughter of Henry Harrison Hess, of St. Mary's, Pleasants county, this state, where he long followed the trade of cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm have two children,—Clarence Percy and Clara Bell. The only daughter is now the wife of Frank Duerr of Ohio, and they have one child, Lillian Blanche Elizabeth.

ALEXANDER GLASS.—One of the representative figures in connection with the important industrial activities of Wheeling is Alexander Glass, who has been secretary of the Wheeling Corrugating Company from the time of its organization to the present and who is a member of a family whose name has been prominently identified with business and civic affairs in the West Virginia metropolis for fully sixty years. He whose name initiates this review is a son of Andrew and Harriet (Harris) Glass. Andrew Glass was born in the city of Pittsburgh, in 1830, and in 1851, at the time of attaining to his legal majority, he came to Wheeling, where he eventually became a prominent and influential factor in industrial affairs and where he ever commanded unqualified confidence and esteem. He was one of the original stockholders of the LaBelle Iron Company, one of the early and important concerns identified with the iron industry in this section of the state, and he was its superintendent for a number of years. Later he assumed the office of superintendent of the Jefferson Iron Works of Steubenville, Ohio, a concern that is now owned by the LaBelle Iron Company, and he became the organizer of the Mingo Junction Iron Company, at Mingo Junction, Jefferson county, Ohio, of which

he was president until his death, which occurred on the 5th of December, 1872. His four living children are Mesdames Guy R. C. Allen, Kate G. Handlan and John K. List, all of Wheeling; and Alexander, whose name introduces this article. The father was a man of sterling character and marked business acumen and he was influential in the upbuilding of industrial enterprises of magnitude and great objective value. He was a Republican in his political proclivities. The mother was born in England and is still living.

Alexander Glass was born in the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, on the 24th of July, 1859, and virtually his entire business career has been one of close identification with the business interests of his native place. He is indebted to the schools of Wheeling for his early educational discipline and he has been actively concerned with the iron industry throughout his entire business career. On other pages of this work is given specific mention of the Wheeling Corrugating Company and thus it is not necessary to repeat the data in the present connection. In addition to being secretary of this important corporation Mr. Glass is also president of the Whitaker-Glessner Company and the Portsmouth Steel Company.

In politics Mr. Glass gives allegiance to the cause of the Republican party. On the 10th of December, 1885, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Glass to Miss Sarah R. Whitaker, daughter of Hon. Nelson E. Whitaker, one of the honored and influential citizens of Wheeling, and the two children of their union are Margaret, now Mrs. W. W. Holloway, and Eleanor, now Mrs. Gibson L. Caldwell.

WHITAKER-GLESSNER COMPANY.—It is distinctly within the province of this historical compilation to enter record concerning those staunch and important industrial concerns through which is being conserved the commercial progress and prestige of the metropolis of West Virginia, and prominent on the list of such concerns is that whose corporate title initiates this paragraph.

The Whitaker-Glessner Company was incorporated under the laws of the state of West Virginia on the 28th of December, 1903, and purchased the property and business of the Whitaker Iron Company, located in Wheeling, and of the Laughlin Nail Company, at Martins Ferry, located on the opposite side of the Ohio river in Belmont county, Ohio. N. E. Whitaker, who became president of the company at the time of its incorporation, retained this office until his death and W. L. Glessner has been its vice-president from the beginning to the present time. The Whitaker Iron Company, which had important influence in furthering the industrial growth of Wheeling, was incorporated on the 28th of October, 1875, with a paid-up capital stock of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. George P. Whitaker was the first president of the company and N. E. Whitaker the first secretary. The company acquired the present Whitaker mill, which at that time had only one sheet mill and otherwise had been equipped principally for the manufacturing of railroad rails, fish-plates and iron spikes—a branch of the business that became obsolete upon the introduction of Bessemer steel for such purposes. None of the original stockholders of this company are now living.

The Laughlin Nail Company was founded in April, 1878, with Alexander Laughlin as president and W. L. Glessner as secretary, and it forthwith effected the purchase of the plant and business of the Ohio City Nail Company. Its functions were comprised in the manufacturing of iron cut-nails and at the initiation of operations it had fifty nail machines in commission. Its capacity was expanded by degrees until it

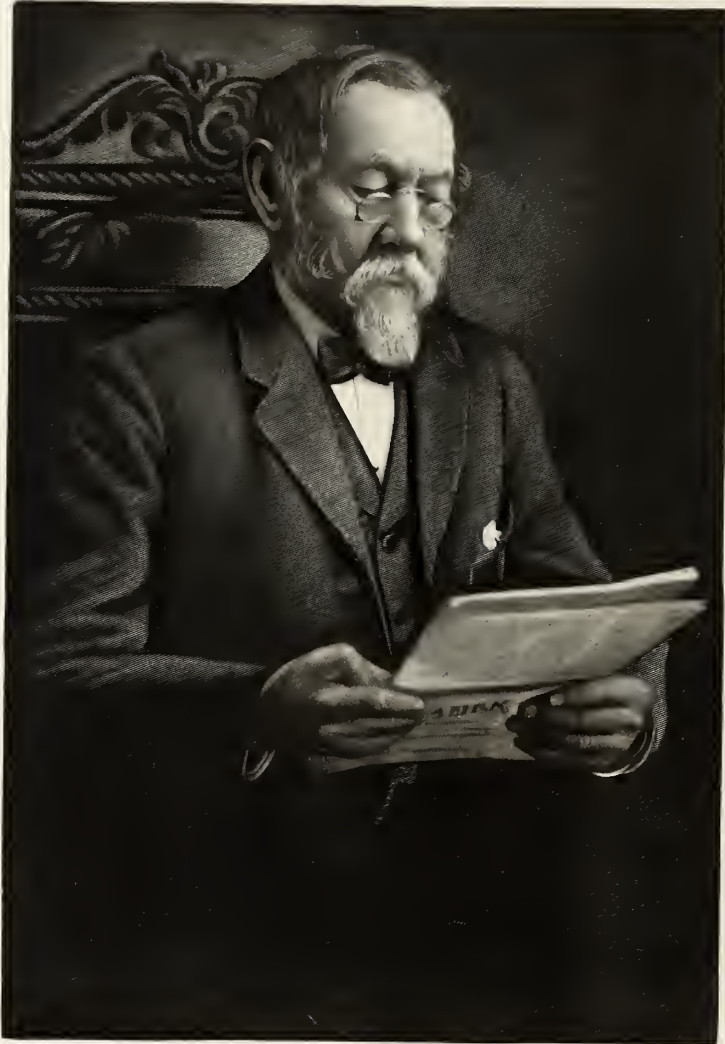
finally had two hundred and twelve nail machines in operation and had precedence as the largest cut-nail factory in the world; but the manufacture of products of this order gradually ceased, when wire nails came into such general use. Later the company built and equipped a tin mill, the operation of which was continued until 1895, when this department of the enterprise was sold to the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company. In 1900 a shovel manufactory was added to the business, but the manufacturing of shovels was later discontinued and a six-mill sheet plant was erected and equipped. This, with all other property of the corporation, was merged into the Whitaker-Glessner Company upon the organization of the latter, in 1903, as noted above.

After the Whitaker-Glessner Company acquired the properties of the Whitaker Iron Company and the Laughlin Nail Company it added materially to its productive capacity and it now operates eighteen sheet and tin mills, with the best of equipment and accessories. It also owns the controlling interest in the Portsmouth Steel Company, with works at Portsmouth, Ohio; and the Wheeling Corrugating Company, with works at Wheeling and Martins Ferry and warehouses in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Kansas City and Chattanooga. The paid-up capital stock of the Whitaker-Glessner Company is \$4,097,125 and it employs in its works, including the plants of the Portsmouth Steel Company and the Wheeling Corrugating Company, more than three thousand persons. The personnel of the executive corps of the company at the present time is here noted: Alexander Glass, president; W. L. Glessner, vice-president; A. C. Whitaker, treasurer; A. T. Sweeney, secretary; and N. P. Whitaker, general manager.

The Whitaker-Glessner Company manufactures sheets and black plates. The Wheeling Corrugating Company has as its output tin plates, galvanized sheets, steel ceilings, conductor pipes, eaves troughs and miscellaneous articles from galvanized sheets and tin plates. The Portsmouth Steel Company produces open hearth steel, plates, sheets and tie-plates. The annual business of the Whitaker-Glessner Company and its subsidiary organizations now reaches the notable aggregate of more than ten million dollars.

WHEELING CORRUGATING COMPANY was incorporated January 31, 1890, by E. C. Ewing, Alexander Glass, N. E. Whitaker, A. C. Whitaker and Loring Downs. Alexander Glass was its first and only secretary. The present official corps is as follows: A. C. Whitaker, president; H. C. Whitaker, vice-president; Alexander Glass, secretary; W. H. Abbott, assistant secretary; W. H. Manning, treasurer; and N. P. Whitaker, manager.

The works of the company were placed in operation in May, 1890, with a small force of employes, and at the present time, as indicating the broad scope of the enterprise, it may be stated that the employes number more than one thousand. In addition to its works at Wheeling and Martins Ferry the company maintains stores in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Kansas City and Chattanooga, and in each of these branch establishments large stocks are carried for the accommodation of a general jobbing business. The controlling stock of this company is owned by the Whitaker-Glessner Company, of which it is a subsidiary, as has been stated in the preceding article. The Wheeling Corrugating Company manufactures tin plates, galvanized sheets, steel ceilings, metal shingles, conductor pipes, eaves troughs, stove pipes and elbows, pails, tubs, garbage and ash cans, dripping pans and other miscellaneous products from galvanized and black sheets and tin plates.



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CHRISTIAN HESS.—In the death of this highly honored business man and citizen on January 14, 1911, Wheeling lost one of the men whose enterprise and character were part of the solid foundation on which the present prosperity of the city rests. His activity was reflected in many large concerns in the making of which he was a factor. The welfare and advancement of the city were always dear to him, and throughout a long career his generous helpfulness and thorough integrity were rallying points for civic progress.

He was born in Schletzen-Hausen, in the province of Fulda, Germany, November 18, 1825, so that his life covered a period of over eighty-five years. He was the son of Jacob Hess, a tailor, and after completing his early education he learned his father's trade. When he was about twenty years of age he decided to come to the United States, and first located in Cincinnati. During the following year he was employed by a Mr. Lawrence Warner, who paid him eighty-five dollars a year and board for his services.

Visiting Wheeling a little later, he met a number of former friends and decided to try his fortunes here. He first secured employment with the Daniel Schambra firm at the rate of ten dollars per month and his board and washing. By frugality and industry he accumulated the sum of two hundred dollars, with which he embarked in business for himself. He was at first associated with Christian Hasenauer, and in 1850 became sole proprietor.

From that time to the present the history of the well known firm of merchant tailors has been one of the highest business success, and the reputation of the house for quality and fair dealing is an enviable one. As his sons became old enough they were admitted to partnership, and for years the firm was known as C. Hess & Sons, including besides Mr. Hess, John A., Clement (deceased) and Henry N. Hess. The firm was at first located at the corner of Main and South streets, but the expansion of its trade was such that a removal was made in a few years to the corner of Main and Fourteenth streets, building the block in 1855. Again the prosperity of the firm demanded new quarters, and in 1882 work was begun on the Hess building at 1321 Market street, which has since been their business address.

For a number of years preceding his death Mr. Hess had withdrawn from personal direction of his business, though he spent a part of almost every day at his office and was a familiar figure in the business district. In addition to his store he was largely interested in other enterprises. He was one of the incorporators and for many years a director in the People's Bank of Wheeling; was one of the founders of the German Insurance Company; and a stockholder in the Central Glass Company, the Aetna Glass Works of Bellaire, the Barnett Coal Company of Chester, Illinois, the Dollar Savings Bank & Trust Company, the National Exchange Bank, the National Bank of Bellaire and the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company. He was also interested in real estate, and many years ago established the Mount Airy vineyard of one hundred acres in Belmont county, Ohio, from which came thousands of gallons of choice wines.

Outside of business Mr. Hess found outlet for his civic spirit and social activities through various organizations that are important features of Wheeling's life. An active churchman, soon after his arrival in Wheeling he became a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic church. In his younger days he was one of the most accomplished musicians of the city, and the first musical society was established by himself and a musician named Jaeger. He was a charter member of the Harmonie,

later the Harmonie Macnnerchor Singing Society, which was still later absorbed by the Arion Singing Society, of which he was also a charter member. He also sang in the St. Alphonsus choir for many years. For some time he was vice-president of the German Benevolent Society. Under Captain Vance he served in the West Virginia militia. His politics was Democratic, though he was never active in party affairs.

His first marriage occurred in 1848, when Miss Agnes Blum became his wife. She was born in Germany, and her death occurred May 10, 1880. In 1884 Mr. Hess married Mrs. Monica Welty, who died May 7, 1906. Two sons and two daughters survive the lamented father: John A. and Henry N. Hess and Miss Mary Agnes Hess, all of Wheeling, and Mrs. Anna J. Glesenkamp of Pittsburgh. There are also two grandsons: Joseph Adam Glesenkamp and Andrew Christian Maximillian Hess.

E. J. A. DRENNEN is a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of Belmont county, Ohio, and has himself been closely identified with business and affairs of Martins Ferry for a number of years. His father was the late James H. Drennen, who at the time of his death was publisher of the *Ohio Valley News*. However, the newspaper business occupied only a few years of his life, and he was better known as a prosperous farmer and land owner of Belmont county, where more than fifty years of his long and honorable career were passed. He was a native of Steubenville, Ohio, where his family were among the pioneers. In politics he was Republican, and always a public-spirited citizen. He had eight children, all living but one, a daughter, who was the wife of Gordon Robinson.

Mr. E. J. A. Drennen was born on a farm near Martins Ferry, February 21, 1849, and when a boy attended the country schools in that vicinity. His early advantages were liberal, and from the common schools he entered Oberlin College, and later read law and was admitted to the bar of Ohio. While this knowledge has been of much practical use to him, Mr. Drennen did not find the regular practice congenial and abandoned it after four or five years. After a residence of several years in Minneapolis, where he was in the mercantile business, he returned to Ohio and entered the real estate business at Martins Ferry. Mr. Drennen is a directing spirit in the larger business life of this city, and has assisted in furnishing the enterprise and means for successfully carrying out undertakings of local importance. His brother Ross, who conducted the *Ohio Valley News* for a short time after their father's death, is now a resident of Alaska and managing the mining interests owned by both of the brothers there.

On December 17, 1876, Mr. Drennen married Miss Marie Everett, daughter of David Everett and wife of Sandusky, Ohio, her father dying when she was a child. Mr. and Mrs. Drennen have three children: Everett, the only son, is a graduate of Cornell University and a resident of Fairmont, West Virginia. He is superintendent of the mechanical and power department of the Consolidation Coal Company, general manager of the Fairmont Mining Machinery Company and superintendent of power department of the Fairmont & Clarksburg Traction Company. He married Miss Louise Miller, only child of Judge W. N. Miller, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, now on the Supreme Bench of the state. Marguerite, one of the daughters, lives at home, and her sister, Marie, is the wife of Dr. H. F. Ong, of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Drennen is affiliated with the Masonic order. His wife and son are members of the Congregational church, while their daughters are Presbyterians.

SAMUEL HOLMES KELLY, M. D., was one of the prominent physicians of Ohio county, where he passed practically all of his life. He practiced among the people whom he had known from childhood, who had seen him grow up and develop into the useful, powerful man of so much benefit in the community. Dr. Kelly was a general practitioner and was as fully qualified to perform a surgical operation as he was to steer a patient through a lingering case of typhoid fever; his personality was of that sympathetic character which conveys a feeling of sincerity and of confidence, and yet at the same time his conversation was cheery enough to raise the spirits of the sick one. Dr. Kelly was the nephew of General B. F. Kelley, who was so closely identified with the Civil war, as he was one of the first to be wounded in the first battle at Philippi, West Virginia, and was regarded as a hero by his contemporaries and those of the present day.

Samuel Holmes Kelly was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, November 27, 1827, and was the son of Holmes Kelly and his wife, Elizabeth Rigeley Kelly, both natives of West Virginia. The father died when his son Samuel was a mere lad and the boy went with his mother to West Liberty, where she had maintained her residence until the time of her marriage, and where her father, Abraham Rigeley, lived. It was to his home that Samuel Holmes Kelly and his mother went and in the home of his grandfather the fatherless boy was reared, and he received as careful and as thorough training as his father himself could have desired. Samuel Kelly received his preparatory educational training at West Liberty, and he made such good use of his time that he was still quite young when he completed the course prescribed in the schools. It was his earnest desire to become a physician and he early gave evidence of possessing some of the requisites of a successful practitioner, that is an earnest attention to details, combined with a sympathetic personality. He entered the Jefferson College of Physicians at Philadelphia and there received his professional training, and was graduated from that institution with high honors. Immediately upon his leaving the University he returned to West Liberty, the place which had been his home for so many years and where he had passed his boyhood days; there, among his school-boy friends, he commenced the practice of medicine and his success was assured from the very beginning of his career. He made friends among his patients, and they felt that there was no one who could do them so much good as Dr. Kelly; he fought disease with as much bravery as his revered relative had fought in the Civil war, and with perhaps as far-reaching results. After some years of successful practice at West Liberty, Dr. Kelly removed to Wheeling, which was growing to be a thriving center of commerce and professional efforts even at that time, and he felt that he would have more opportunity to use his abilities in a larger sphere of usefulness. The Doctor seemed to find that his profession satisfied all of his desires until five years before his death, at which time he married Miss Alice Schopper, the daughter of Eden and Hermina (Kirchner) Schopper, a young lady of German descent but of American birth. The Doctor took his young wife to his home at Echo Point, where he had lived during the last few years of his life and was retired from active practice. The Doctor was in good health until a few months before his death, when he was seized with an attack of the grippe, from which he was unable to rally. He breathed his last and passed on to the dawn of another world, to the beginning of a new life. Dr. Kelly was in the eightieth year of his life here, and had accomplished much that was good and useful to the world at large, as well as to his own community. His widow survives him, and he also

leaves two nieces, Mrs. David Waddell, of Short Creek, and Mrs. J. Morgan McCulloch, of Wheeling, as well as two nephews, Samuel H. and B. Frank Deleplaine, both residents of Wheeling. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Fourth Street church, where Dr. Kelly had held membership for many years and where he was both loved and respected. His loss was keenly felt not only by the members of the church, but by the many friends whom he had drawn to him in the course of his years of work in Ohio county.

E. I. BONAR, for some time principal of the North Benwood schools, was long one of the successful educators of the state. In a profession which in recent years has made greater progress in the ideals and attainments of its personnel than any other vocation. Mr. Bonar reached a position of the larger responsibilities. His experience has comprehended all the details of educational work, and he has ever been an unflagging student of the best methods in school management and the training of the young. He is now serving as the assistant manager of the Greater Pittsburg Piano Company, 633 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, and he maintains his residence at No. 4 Brown Place in the same city.

Professor Bonar was born near Moundsville, Marshall county, West Virginia, in 1882. His parents, T. S. and Martha Bonar, were farmers of that locality, and of their six children five became teachers and were each successful in their work.

The schools of West Liberty and Morgantown afforded him opportunities which he used as a practical preparation for his career. He began teaching in the country schools, in which he had seven years of experience. For two years following he was in graded school work, and for a year was district superintendent. He was then called to the principalship of the North Benwood schools. During his regime the enrollment numbered one hundred and fifty scholars, and the eight grades were conducted under a thorough organization and with an excellent equipment. Four teachers were employed. In addition to his office as assistant manager of the Greater Pittsburg Piano Company, Mr. Bonar has recently closed a contract giving him the sole agency of the only umbrella carrier patented in the United States, and he is also now engaged in the manufacture of this article.

Professor Bonar was married in 1906, to Miss Retta Montgomery, and they have one child, Lloy. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CECIL A. ROBINSON, president of the Wheeling Board of Trade (in 1911), is a representative of one of Wheeling's oldest and most prominent families. His father, the late Alexander G. Robinson, was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, and came to Wheeling in 1840. For many years he was a paper manufacturer in this city, where he died in 1886. During his career he did much to advance the city's position in commerce and industry, and was held in high honor by his contemporaries.

Alexander C. Robinson married Anna B. Williams, whose family were pioneers in the Ohio valley portion of Virginia and helped establish civilization in this region. Her mother was born in what is now Ohio county in 1791, and both the father and grandfather of Mrs. A. G. Robinson were employed in laying out the great National Road. Mrs. A. G. Robinson was born in Ohio county in 1818 and resided here until her death, in 1907.

Mr. C. A. Robinson was born at his parents' homestead in Wheeling, January 1, 1855. He was reared and educated in this city, and until



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his retirement in 1910 was actively identified with the iron industry. He was connected with the Aetna Iron & Nail Company until 1880, from 1881 was with the La Belle Iron Works, and from 1899 was with the United States Steel Corporation.

In politics he is a Republican and he served as councilman of the city. His father was one of the first members of that party in Wheeling and was a delegate to the historic Chicago convention of 1860, casting his vote for Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Robinson is a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Fort Henry Club and the Wheeling Country Club. Mrs. Robinson, whose maiden name was Ellen Wright, is a daughter of John Wright, one of the original incorporators of the La Belle Iron Company. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have one child, Gertrude, who is the wife of Dr. C. Bates McLain of Wheeling, West Virginia.

CONRAD YAHN, a retired merchant of Wheeling, is one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of this vicinity. It is now more than thirty-six years since he landed, a penniless young man, in this country, and in that time he has acquired material prosperity through industry and business ability, and has become the founder and head of a large family whose members do him honor and are useful citizens in their own spheres of life.

He was born in Schweben, Coverhesse, Germany, December 4, 1824, a son of John and Elizabeth (Link) Yahn. His father was a substantial citizen, owned much land and for thirty years was the burgomaster or mayor of his home town, and lived and died in the Fatherland.

The son Conrad had completed the work of the German schools and had gained some practical experience in the world before he set out for America, but his principal capital was an adaptability for hard work and a courage to fight for better things. On his voyage to America, on the boat "Emma," he was robbed of his store of money, and after he landed, on May 3, 1847, had only enough to pay his way to his destination. In the vicinity of Wheeling for the next sixteen years he was a coal miner, and from the earnings of that labor laid the foundation of a business career. A year or so after coming to America it was his lot to take part in one of our history's most notable incidents, the hanging of John Brown at Charlestown. For many years after leaving the mines he conducted a grocery and built up a large trade, always being known as a reliable merchant. He then retired and is now a well known resident of the suburb of Edgewood. He and his family are members of the Catholic church.

Mr. Yahn married, December 12, 1851, Miss Catharine Blum. Her death occurred February 21, 1906. On Saturday, October 12, 1901, was celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Yahn, at which time their eleven children were living and were present, Right Rev. Bishop Donahue officiating. Of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Yahn most have married and have children and grandchildren, so that many descendants speak with pride of their sturdy German forefather who came to America many years ago. Agnes, the first child, married Magnus Long, now deceased, and had four children: Edmond, Joseph, who married Ella B. Laurrell and had five children, Charles Joseph, John, Edith and George, these being great-grand-children of Mr. Yahn; Emma, wife of Christian Hoffman, has two children, Christian and Grace; Catharine, known as Sister Edith in the order of Sisters of Mercy in the convent at Pittsburgh. Mary, the second child, is the wife of Valentine Bleifus, and has thirteen children: William, who married

Christina Sherman and had six children; George and Rudolph, who are butchers in Bellaire; Edward; Nellie, wife of Ed Dash, has two children; Emma, in the convent at Pittsburgh, as Sister Reda; Anna, wife of Joseph Zeigler; May; Bertha, a trained nurse; Frank; Carl; Lewis and Joseph. Theresa, the third child, is the wife of Joseph Warner, and has two children, Bertha and Florence. Joseph, the fourth child, married Louise Heimiller and has five children, Edna, Walter, Stella, Joseph and Gertrude, the two oldest being married and having children of their own. Adam, the fifth child of Mr. Yahn, married Dora Warren. William is the sixth, and John, the seventh and a twin of William, married Clara Bradbury and has four children, Harry, who married Emma Wertzberger and has one child, Gertrude; Isabella, who married Bruce Morris; George and Dorothy. Elizabeth, the eighth born, married David Voss. Emma and George, twins, were the next younger, the former the wife of Peter Loecher and the mother of one daughter, Martha, and the latter married Mary Fleming and has four children, Helen, Marcella, Edmund and Philip. Edmund, the eleventh child, married Lucy Philips, and is engaged in educational work in New York.

DANIEL E. STALNAKER, whose residence and connection with the business of Wheeling began soon after the close of the war, is known among the citizens as a successful insurance man. During his long experience he has built up a large business in general insurance lines. He is also an active member of several clubs and social organizations.

A son of Randolph and Caroline Stalnaker, he was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, now West Virginia. Reared in that county and educated in the common schools, at the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted for service with the Twenty-seventh Virginia Confederate Regiment. The company of Shriver Grays that went from Wheeling was a part of this same regiment. With the Greenbrier Rifles, as his company was known, Mr. Stalnaker saw service throughout the war. On March 23, 1863, he was taken prisoner, and did not secure his release until the early part of 1864, when he again joined his regiment.

At the conclusion of his military service, after several years spent in South Carolina, Mr. Stalnaker in 1876 took up his residence and business at Wheeling, and he has known the city and been an active citizen for thirty-five years. He represents some of the leading fire, life, accident and other insurance companies. Politically he is a Democrat, and has membership with the United Confederate Veterans, and in the Fort Henry Club of Wheeling.

ROBERT J. DICKSON.—Numbered among the representative business men and progressive citizens of Wheeling, Mr. Dickson is vice-president of the Hicks & Hoge Dry Goods Company, with which he has thus been identified since 1889, and he has been a potent factor in connection with the expansion of the enterprise to its present wide scope, the establishment of the company being thoroughly metropolitan in its appointments and equipment and controlling a large and representative trade.

Robert John Dickson claims the old Keystone state as his native heath, as he was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of April, 1864. He is a son of John S. and Anna Bell (Hazlett) Dickson, both of whom were likewise born and reared in Pennsylvania, where the father devoted the major part of his active career to the mercantile business, but for several years past he has lived retired, his home being now in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The mother is deceased. He whose name introduces this article is indebted to the schools of the city of Pitts-



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burgh for his early educational advantages, which included the curriculum of the high school, and in 1881 he assumed the position of errand boy and general factotum in the dry goods house of Boggs & Buhl, of that city, where he familiarized himself with the various details of the business and won advancement through the various grades of promotion until he became a department manager, in which position he effectively developed his executive powers. In 1889, Mr. Dickson came to Wheeling and became a stockholder in the Hicks & Hoge Dry Goods Company, in which he has since been incumbent of the office of vice-president, with marked discrimination and judgment as an executive and practical business man. His course has been guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity, and this fact, as coupled with his genial personality, has gained to him secure place in the confidence and esteem of the community in which he has maintained his home for nearly a quarter of a century.

Though never manifesting aught of aspiration for public office of any description; Mr. Dickson is essentially loyal and progressive as a citizen and ever ready to lend his influence and tangible co-operation in the furtherance of measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the community. His political allegiance is independent, and both he and his wife are most zealous members of the Second United Presbyterian church in their home city. They are both active in the various departments of church work and he is the earnest and valued superintendent of the Sunday school of his church, as well as vice-president of the West Virginia Sunday School Association.

On the 11th of October, 1899, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Dickson to Miss Lyda Virginia Campbell, daughter of Albert A. and Florence (Hill) Campbell, of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, where her father was engaged in the jewelry business. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson have no children.

G. V. VOORHEIS.—The man who has devoted his life to one occupation may justly be regarded as somewhat of an authority on all matters pertaining to that pursuit. Mr. Voorheis stands in that relation in regard to farming, the primal need of the human race, and it is because of his acknowledged acquaintance with the various branches of agriculture that he has been appointed to the position of keeper of the county farm—the position he has ably filled during the past seven years. This farm comprises one hundred and thirty-seven acres of ground, one hundred acres of which are under cultivation. There are twenty-four inmates of the farm at the present time, five of whom are women. Besides the farm buildings there are three dwelling houses on the ground, one occupied by the keeper and his family, one reserved for the men and one for the women. Under Mr. Voorheis' efficient management the institution is made self-supporting, with the exception of the few groceries which it is necessary to purchase. The keeper has the full confidence of the county and every detail in regard to the control and management of the farm and its inmates is left to his discretion.

Mr. Voorheis is a native of Ohio, born in Belmont county in 1852. His father, Cornelius C., claims New Jersey as his birth place and when a young man moved to Ohio; there he met Miss Mary Kittlwell, who later became his wife and the mother of his seven children. He followed the occupation of farming in Belmont county and also in West Virginia, whither he migrated in 1862, shortly after which date his demise occurred.

G. V. Voorheis, the eldest of the family, spent the first ten years of his life in his native county, reared on his father's farm and a scholar

in the schools of his district. He then accompanied his parents to West Virginia, lived with them on their farm near Silver Hill, there receiving several more years of schooling, when the death of his father made it necessary for him to assume some of the responsibilities of life at a very early age. He had learned how to farm, commencing when he was but a little lad; he liked the farm life and determined to enter into agricultural pursuits with all his energies, mental as well as physical. That he has been successful is indicated by the fact that he was adjudged competent to occupy his present position, and that he has "made good" his continuance in the office is ample proof.

With Mr. Voorheis in his house are his wife (formerly Miss Mary E. Carn, a life-long resident of West Virginia) and his six children, Z. W., Joseph A., Lenora, Florence, Allie and Pearl. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Voorheis, but two have died.

MICHAEL JEROME CULLINAN.—The Wheeling Bar has long been distinguished for its ability in legal technic and the high character of its personnel, and has always included some of the best attorneys of the Ohio valley. The firm of Dovener & Cullinan, which was formed in 1909, probably has the largest practice in criminal law in the state, and is also noted for its success in all branches of the law.

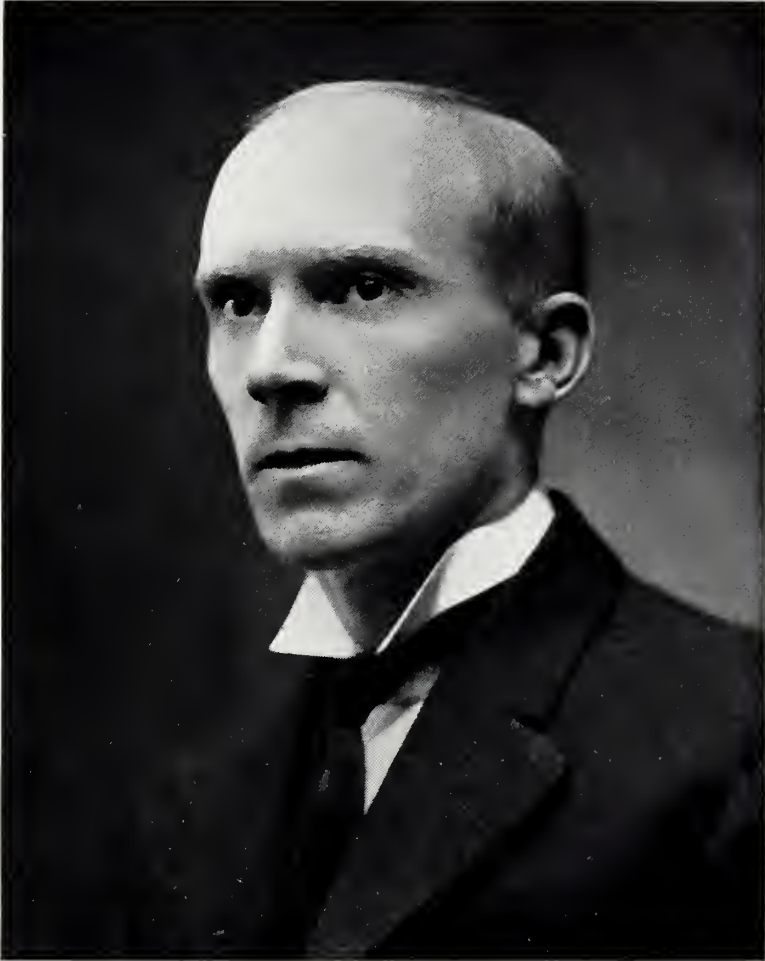
Mr. Cullinan, the junior member of the firm, was born in Ennis, Ireland, March 25, 1880. His parents were Michael and Mary (McDonnell) Cullinan, worthy Irish people who gave their son a liberal education and afforded him every encouragement to a successful career. He was educated in the public schools of his home town, after which he attended St. John's College at Waterford, Ireland. He then immigrated to America, and his professional studies were conducted in the law department of the West Virginia University at Morgantown.

He entered practice in 1904 in Wetzel county, West Virginia, and acquired a broad experience and a good clientage during his five years' residence there. In 1909 he made his present connection with Hon. B. B. Dovener. Mr. Cullinan is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon college fraternity. His church affiliation is with the Roman Catholic denomination, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

PATRICK BRENNAN is a prominent figure in the industrial activities of Wheeling and vicinity, being superintendent of the skelp and puddling department of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, the large responsibilities of which office he has discharged for twenty-one years. His record of fifty years' service with this corporation has not often been excelled in the record of employment, and during this half century his work has been invaluable to the company and he has risen from the ranks of labor to one of its most responsible places of direction and leadership.

Mr. Brennan is a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1846, a son of Thomas and Alice (Cullinan) Brennan. His father first came to America in 1848, and for some time was in the service of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, when railroading was in its primitive stages of development.

The only one of the four children of his parents now living, Mr. Brennan spent the first sixteen years of his life in Ireland and received his early schooling there. He immigrated to the United States in 1862 and the same year entered the service of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, and then in the Benwood mill he was appointed superintendent of the skelp and puddling department in 1890 and has been



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honored with this office to the present time. About three hundred men are under his supervision, and with thorough knowledge of his business he unites a remarkable efficiency in the management of men.

In 1871 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Johnson. They have five children, Thomas, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, Annie, Francis and William. For many years a resident of Benwood, Mr. Brennan has been one of its progressive citizens and has served in the city council several terms.

HENRY FOX.—One of the most popular and highly esteemed citizens of Bridgeport is Henry Fox, cashier of the Dollar Savings Bank, who for fifteen years has been custodian of the bank's funds and carries on a general banking business to the full satisfaction of the board of directors. It is, in truth, largely due to his discrimination and well directed administrative dealings that this institution has become one of the most substantial and popular banking houses of the city.

Mr. Fox was born in Bridgeport, Ohio, April 15, 1870. Here he was reared and educated, completing his studies in the higher department of the schools. Subsequently he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in a clerical capacity, and continued thus for a number of years. In 1896 he was appointed teller of the Dollar Savings Bank and worthily filled that position up to 1901, at which time he was made cashier. He has given further evidence of his worth and trustworthiness in public office, having served Bridgeport as city treasurer for two years. His fraternal affiliation extends to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Fox is a son of Jacob and Christina (Switzer) Fox, both of whom were natives of Germany and who immigrated from the Fatherland when young in quest of the much vaunted American opportunity. They were married in this country and became the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living at the present time, namely: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Louis R. Cook; William; Rachel, who is the wife of William Koehnlne; Fred; Henry; Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of S. W. Greenland; and J. Edward, the subject being the sixth born of the eight children. Jacob Fox proved a worthy citizen of his adopted country, loving and supporting its institutions and teaching his children to revere them. He was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for thirty-five years and was in every way an ideal employee. His demise occurred in 1893, when the subject was only a little past his majority, and the support of the family devolved in a great measure upon his young shoulders, a responsibility he has ever borne, manfully as well as cheerfully. The mother survived her husband for a number of years, she being summoned to eternal rest in 1907. Mr. Fox has not yet become a recruit to the benedicts.

The Dollar Savings Bank, with which he is connected, was organized February 9, 1891, with a capital of fifty thousand dollars, the officers and directors of the organization of the bank being as follows: G. C. McKee, president; Thomas T. Frazier, vice president; R. R. Barrett, cashier; and E. W. Gilmore, C. W. Appenziller, William Koehnlne, B. B. Mitchell, John Stewart and Eli Bailey, directors. At the present time J. T. Scott holds the chief office, the vice president is Thomas T. Frazier, the cashier, Henry Fox, and the board of directors constitute George H. Scheetz, Oswald Schick, Franklin Neff, C. W. Appenziller, William Koehnlne, B. B. Mitchell, J. T. Scott and R. R. Barrett. Mr. McKee is no longer interested in the bank.

W. I. ARMSTRONG, M. D., of Bellaire, in common with many other professional men in various lines, was connected with pedagogical work before he launched out in the career he is now following. His change of profession was a wise one, as he is eminently successful as a physician. He has made money, but if he had much less of this world's goods he would still be a successful physician in the broadest sense of the word, in that he has offered of his best in the cause of science and of his fellows.

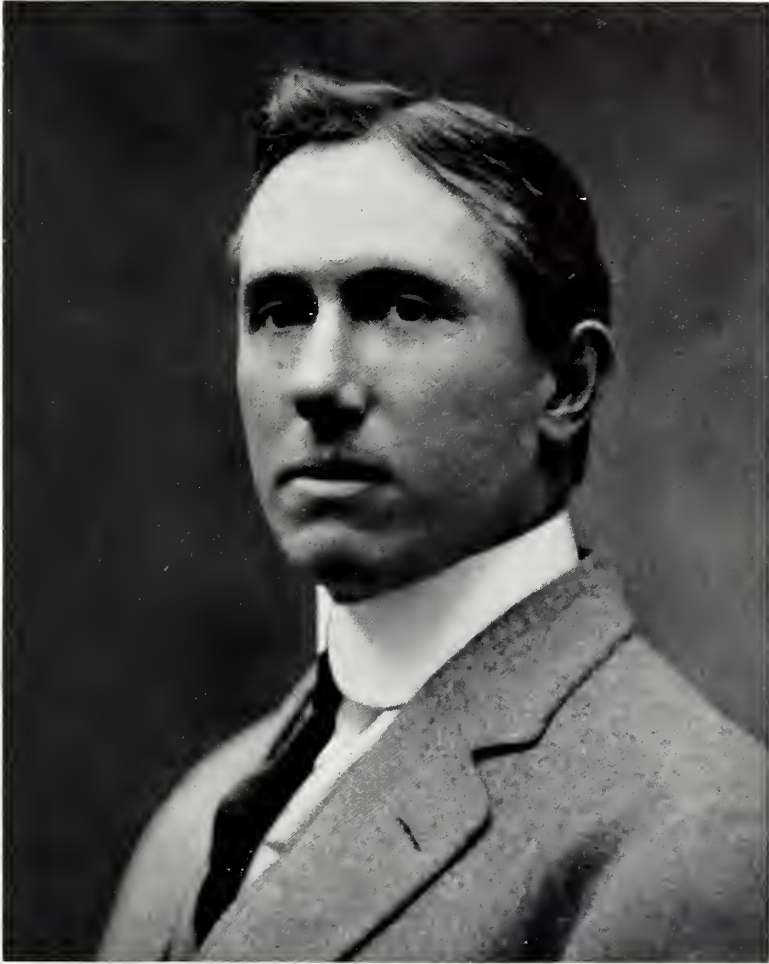
The Doctor is a native son of Ohio, of Irish ancestry. His birth occurred October 17, 1876, at Armstrong's Mills, Ohio, on the farm where his father, William Armstrong, was born and reared; there the latter married Laura Bonar; there they lived in happy companionship together; and there were born their family of nine children, three of whom died in early childhood. His father came from Ireland when a young man, and in the year 1812 settled on the land which still remains in the family, now the old homestead.

W. I. Armstrong, the sixth born of the children, received his elementary educational discipline at Armstrong's Mills school, and after completing the course in the common school he entered the school at Jerusalem, Ohio, and afterward attended different schools in Bethesda and Bellville, Ohio, thus receiving a thorough training in pedagogy. He immediately put his theoretical knowledge into practice and taught at Armstrong's Mills. After a few terms of school work he entered Franklin College, in its scientific department, but on completing his junior year he determined that he would study medicine, with the view of becoming a physician. His medical training was obtained in the Ohio Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in the year 1904. He forthwith commenced medical practice, forming a partnership with Dr. J. C. Archer, of Neffs, Ohio, but after five years of successful work he felt the desirability of gaining a deeper insight into the realm of medical science than had been possible during his all too short course in college, and he took post-graduate work at the Polyclinic College of New York. He was located for nine months in Hallsville, Ohio, before coming to Bellaire in the year 1907, since which time he has remained here in successful practice.

Dr. Armstrong married Miss Hattie Young of Monroe county, in 1898, and has two children, Wilbur and Lucile. The doctor is a member of the Belmont County Medical Society, is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His interest is given first of all to his work as a medical practitioner, but he finds some time to spare for church and social life.

DAVID NESBIT.—The late David Nesbit was a native of Ireland, and possessed those many characteristic traits which make the natives of the Emerald Isle successful and enterprising citizens of our country. When a young man Mr. Nesbit became impressed with the greater opportunity presented by America to the ambitious person and, like so many of his countrymen, he crossed the Atlantic to claim his share of it. He received the greater part of his education after coming here.

On August 31, 1867, Mr. Nesbit laid the foundation of a happy married life by his union with Mary Anna Elder, who came from County Londonderry, Ireland. They became the parents of ten children, as follows: Mary J.; Catherine and Rebecca, twins, deceased; William T.; David S.; Anna M., at home; Mary B.; Martha V.; Gene K.; and Nell E. Mrs. Nesbit is a member of the First Presbyterian church, as was her honored husband.



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AARON PORTER.—To the people of Cameron the name of Aaron Porter immediately suggests a picture of appetizing bakery stuffs, neatly and tastefully arranged. As a general thing, foods that are especially palatable are not particularly wholesome, but that is not the case with Mr. Porter's products, which are prepared under sanitary conditions and at the same time they satisfy the cravings of hunger. Mr. Porter is both a popular and successful business man, and is such not by accident, but by virtue of industry, honor and a thorough knowledge of his specialty.

Aaron Porter was born the day after Christmas in the year 1870, in the town where he carries on his successful business. His family has been in the neighborhood of Wheeling for the past century, intimately connected with the agricultural and industrial advancements of the city and its vicinity. The grandfather, also named Aaron Porter, was one of the early settlers in the Ohio valley, where he was engaged in the occupation of farming, and his land was rich in coal. He is remembered as the first man to open and mine coal in his part of the country, and he became one of the wealthy and influential farmers in the Ohio valley. As a young man he married a Miss Culver, to which union were born fourteen children. Of this number thirteen grew to maturity and six are now living, but we will only make mention of Andrew J., who later became the father of Aaron Porter of present-day reputation. Andrew J. was born at Fullerton, West Virginia, on the farm where his parents had lived for some years, and was reared and educated in the active duties of farm life and remained on the homestead until 1867, at which time he moved to Cameron. Not long afterward he married Miss Barbara Wellington, and to their union were born Aaron, Marion H., George D., Annie M., Levi F. and Minnie. Mr. and Mrs. Porter still maintain their home in Cameron, surrounded by their children.

Aaron, the first born of his parents, was reared to adult age in Cameron, where he passed through the public schools and then entered a local bakery as an apprentice. He thoroughly mastered the trade and continued in the business until 1890, at which time he removed to Wheeling and entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, for the ensuing eighteen years being identified with the activities of that corporation. In 1908, however, he returned to the business which he understood so well, bought a piece of land in Cameron, and erected the building in which he is still conducting his prosperous and attractive bakery.

Mr. Porter aims to have everything that he sells of the very best quality and, as stated, his success and standing are not a matter of accident, but can be attributed to several causes. In the first place, he is a master of his trade, and in spite of his long lack of practice he is an adept. Second, he lets his customers know that he is absolutely cleanly in all departments of his establishment. Third, he uses none but the very best materials in making up his products. Fourth, his treatment of his customers is so courteous and so obliging that they feel that he is far more than a business man intent only on selling his goods.

On the 27th day of November, 1894, while Mr. Porter was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella P. McDugal, the daughter of George McDugal, and four children have been born to them: Nacia P., born in September, 1895, and Arnold R., born in 1903, are pupils in the public schools; Clementine and Naomi, the younger children, were born respectively February 6, 1907, and September 16, 1910.

Mr. Porter is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and is also connected with

the relief department of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. He owns a fine residence in Wheeling, in addition to his business in Cameron, and, as he is still a young man, it is evident (judging from the past) that the future has also many substantial successes in store.

J. E. WRIGHT, one of the representative and public-spirited citizens of this city, was born in Wheeling on December 18, 1863. After availing himself of the advantages of the excellent public schools of his native city he continued his studies for three years in Beaver College, at Beaver, Pennsylvania. Virtually his entire business career has been one of close and effective identification with the great iron industry in his native state and he is now one of the prominent and influential factors in this connection. He has familiarized himself with all details of this important branch of industrial enterprise, in which he has made advancement from the position of pay clerk to that of president of one of the leading manufacturing concerns of the state, the same having been founded through the well-directed efforts of his father, the late John Wright, together with some twenty-one others. The enterprise was inaugurated under the firm name of Bailey, Woodward & Company and it was finally found expedient, with the rapid expansion of the business, to facilitate operations by the organization of a stock company, which was incorporated under the title of the LaBelle Iron Works.

John Wright, deceased, father of the subject, was one of the best known men in the city of Wheeling and was closely identified with the material interests of Wheeling for many years. He was characterized by a most unusual modesty of demeanor, as well as by a charming personality. His forte was strict attention to business of a private nature. Yet he was one of Wheeling's public-spirited citizens, taking a wide and intelligent interest in local affairs. But it was as a manufacturer that he will be chiefly remembered. He was of that large progressive and energetic organization who founded and later maintained in this community one of the leading manufactories of iron and steel. As such, he and those associated with him contributed very largely to the industrial supremacy and importance of the Wheeling district. Mr. Wright was born in Pittsburgh, September 19, 1824. He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Wright, the former being an engineer in the old Schoenberg plant of Pittsburgh. Quite naturally, his son John followed in his footsteps, learning his trade and, as a result, was an engineer in the plant above named, his service in such capacity being in 1849. He then associated himself with E. M. Morton, B. H. Woodward, William Bailey and others famous among the iron and steel pioneers of the valley, all coming to Wheeling.

Mr. Wright was prominently identified with the building of the Belmont mill, the original company being Bailey, Morton & Company. This was in 1852. Later Messrs. Bailey, Woodward and Wright severed their connection with the Belmont and founded the LaBelle, the original style of which company was Bailey, Woodward & Company. There were associated in this venture twenty-one practical workmen. Mr. Wright started the engine, which was for many years affectionately known as "Old Abe." This was in October, 1852, and he remained in charge of the mechanical department until 1877, when he retired from active mechanical participation in the affairs of the company.

A few years prior to his death he was elected a member of the board of directors, but asked to be relieved on account of his age. He was then the last of the original twenty-one. Mr. Wright was an ardent Republican from the foundation of the party in 1856. He never sought



J. E. Wright

or held public office. As an illustration of his kindness of heart he had the reputation during his long connection with the LaBelle Company of never refusing a fellow workman any loan of money requested in time of need. He was, in truth, a man of much nobility and strength of character and his memory will long dwell in hearts he left behind.

On April 1, 1854, Mr. Wright, the elder, laid the foundation of a happy married life by his union with Miss Ellen Madden, and they were blessed with the following children: John E., Mrs. (Judge) Hughes, Mrs. Cecil A. Robinson, Mrs. Charles L. Taylor, Mrs. Thomas W. Stewart and Miss Lizzie Wright.

John E. Wright, immediate subject of this review, remained president of the LaBelle Iron Works until 1903 and for six years devoted himself to the steel and iron brokerage in Wheeling. He then assisted in reorganizing the pottery industry, the result of which was the consolidation of the potteries and enameled iron plant, forming the present Wheeling Sanitary Manufacturing Company, of which he is president and general manager. He is also connected with a number of other manufacturing and business concerns of the city. His fraternal affiliation extends to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Wright was married in August, 1893, to Miss Bessie B. Baron, daughter of Abraham Baron, and their two children are Mary E. and John E., Jr. They are members of the United Presbyterian church.

CHARLES H. BRUES.—It is gratifying to note that many of the native sons of the fine old city of Wheeling have here found ample scope for effective endeavor along various lines of business, industrial, professional and public activity and that they stand exemplar of that progressive spirit through which is being compassed the upbuilding of the Greater Wheeling. One of this number is the well known, genial and popular citizen whose name initiates this paragraph, who is cashier of the Wheeling Electric Company and who is a representative of one of the old and honored families of the West Virginia metropolis, which has been his home from the time of his nativity to the present.

Charles Henry Brues was born at the family homestead on North Front street, in Wheeling, on the 9th of December, 1872, and is a son of Henry and Caroline (Berger) Brues, who still maintain their home in this city, where the father has long been a prominent business man and influential citizen. Charles H. Brues is indebted to the public schools of Wheeling for his early educational advantages and the initial stages of his business career were marked by his identification with the wholesale and retail harness business, in which he was employed for a short period in connection with a leading establishment in Wheeling. He has been a valued employe of the Wheeling Electric Company since he was a lad of sixteen years, and he has in this connection won advancement through efficient and faithful service. He has been cashier for the company since 1901. Mr. Brues takes a lively interest in public affairs of a local order and in all that tends to advance the material and civic welfare of his native city. He served one term, of two years, as a member of the city council, and for two terms he held the office of president of the municipal water board, of which position he was the valued incumbent for four consecutive years. In May, 1909, he was elected a member of the city board of control and he has since continued in tenure of this position, in which he has given excellent service in the furthering of progressive measures in the various departments of municipal activity. He is a stalwart in the local camp of the Republican party and is one of

the most active and appreciative members of Wheeling Lodge, No. 28, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is past lecturing knight. He is a director of the Home Fire Insurance Company of Wheeling and also of the Acme Carbon Company, one of the important industrial concerns of the city. He was reared in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal church and his parents are zealous communicants of the same, with membership in the parish of St. Luke's church.

T. T. HUTCHISSON.—An active business career of nearly sixty years, all in Wheeling, has entitled Mr. T. T. Hutchisson to the honor of deanship among the business men of this city. He has been identified with large interests, has long occupied a place of influence in affairs, and is one of the honored older residents of Wheeling.

He was born at East Berlin, Adams county, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1827, a son of Robert M. and Lydia (Blinsinger) Hutchisson. The parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, and his father was a harness maker. They were also members of the Lutheran church. Of their five children, three are living; T. T. is the oldest; Teresa is the wife of Reuben Reitzell of London, Ohio; Mark is a resident of Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Minter; and the fifth child died during childhood.

In the common and subscription schools of his day Mr. Hutchisson obtained the education which he has used in the practical relations of business life. He worked in his father's harness shop until he was twenty years old, and then came to Wheeling to become apprentice in the saddlery and harness trade under John Knott, who had learned the business with Mr. Hutchisson's father. This was followed by a period of journeyman employment in Ohio, and on his return to Wheeling he became a clerk in Mr. Knote's saddlery and hardware store. Three or four years later, on the retirement of Mr. Knote, Mr. Hutchisson took over the business, this being about 1852. The business has continued under his direct management ever since to the present year 1911, a period of very nearly sixty years. There is probably not a parallel record to this in the history of the city's commerce. The business is conducted under the name of T. T. Hutchisson & Company.

Besides being a successful merchant, Mr. Hutchisson has been identified in various other noteworthy ways with the life and affairs of his home city. He is now president of the People's Bank of Wheeling, in which he was one of the original stockholders and was long a director. For many years he has been a respected member of the Second Presbyterian church, was a trustee for a long time and is now one of the elders. About 1851 he was initiated in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is now one of the oldest members of that fraternity in the state.

Mr. Hutchisson's first wife was Miss Mary Hervy. The one living child by this union is Sarah, wife of William Smith, of West Aetna, Pennsylvania. His second wife was Mrs. Garry-French. They had no children. By his third marriage Ellen Johnson became his wife.

JOSEPH F. PAULL was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, and is a son of Judge James and Jane Ann (Fry) Paull, the former of whom was born near St. Clairsville, Belmont county, Ohio, and the latter at Charleston, Virginia. Judge Paull was one of the most distinguished legists and jurists of West Virginia and served on the supreme court of appeals of this commonwealth for a number of years prior to his death, in 1875, at the age of fifty-six years. His name and achievements have become an integral part of the history of the state and it is not neces-

sary to enter into details concerning his career. His father, George Paull was colonel of the Twenty-seventh Regiment of United States Infantry in the war of 1812, in which he served under General William Henry Harrison in the Army of the Northwest. He was a son of Colonel James Paull, who was a gallant patriot soldier in the war of the Revolution, in which he served under Colonel William Crawford and participated in the engagement on the "Plains of Sandusky," on the 5th of June, 1782. Mrs. Jane Ann (Fry) Paull, mother of him whose name initiates this sketch, was a daughter of Hon. Joseph L. Fry, who was an eminent member of the Virginia bar, and who served from 1831 to 1852 on the bench of the circuit court of the First judicial district of that commonwealth. His father, Colonel Joshua Fry, an English gentleman, was a most prominent and influential figure in colonial affairs in the Old Dominion, where he served in many positions of distinguished public trust. He was a civil engineer by profession and was for some time a member of the faculty of historic old William & Mary College, at Williamsburg, Virginia. He was colonial commissioner of the crown and was one of the commissioners by whom was effected the treaty of Logstown. In 1754 he was appointed commander of the Virginia military forces, by Governor Dinwiddie, and the highest honors in the colony were within his grasp at the time of his death, which occurred at Wills Creek, while he was en route to Fort Cumberland. His demise placed Lieutenant Colonel George Washington in command of the forces, and due reference is made to this fact and to his distinguished services in Sparks' "Life of Washington," pages 104-126. Mrs. Jane Ann (Fry) Paull passed the closing years of her gentle and gracious life in Wheeling, West Virginia, where she died in 1861, at the age of thirty-one years, and of her children two sons are living.

Joseph F. Paull was reared to maturity in Wheeling, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in its schools and the Linsly Institute. He had held his present incumbency as state manager for the Phoenix Assurance Company, of London, England, since 1895. Though never a seeker of political preferment, Mr. Paull pays staunch allegiance to the cause of the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Presbyterian church. The beautiful family home, "The Sycamores," is located at Woodsdale, two miles east of Wheeling. In addition to his association with the insurance business Mr. Paull is president of the Wheeling Stamping Company and vice-president of the National Bank of West Virginia at Wheeling.

On the 14th of October, 1875, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Paull to Miss Emma Senseney, a daughter of the late Jacob Senseney, long an influential and honored citizen of Wheeling, where Mrs. Paull was born and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Paull have three children—James S., Joseph F., Jr., and Rebecca C. James S. is assistant manager of the Wheeling Stamping Company. He married Miss Elizabeth Doddridge, and they have two children, Philip Doddridge and Josephine. Joseph F., Jr., is assistant with his father in the insurance business. He is unmarried. Rebecca C. married John Marshall, assistant district United States attorney at Parkersburg, West Virginia, and they have one child, John Marshall, Jr.

H. M. STEWART.—It is characteristic of the great majority of the human race that we cherish a feeling of resentment towards the man who is instrumental in depriving us of some of our money, and we are not apt to stop and reason whether the said man derives any benefit from the money we pay or not. If an assessor can secure not only the

good will but the positive liking of the residents in his district, he must be an exceptionally tactful man. Mr. Stewart, assessor for Marshall county, has achieved this eminence, and it would be scarcely possible to find a man better fitted for the position than is he.

H. M. Stewart was born on the 15th day of December, 1867, in Marshall county, West Virginia. His father, P. P. Stewart, claimed Butler county, Ohio, as the place of his nativity, and there he was reared and educated and engaged in the iron business. When a young man he removed to Marshall county, West Virginia, where he married Miss Kate R. Fuller, a native of that county, and there they brought up their nine children.

H. M. Stewart, the eldest of the children, has passed practically his whole life in his native county, where he attended the public schools and later entered the employ of the Wheeling Steel and Iron Company at Benwood, West Virginia. After nineteen years in the service of this corporate concern, he engaged in the mercantile business; opened a store at Benwood and for five years he sold general merchandise. From the time he registered his first vote Mr. Stewart had evinced a deep interest in all public affairs and gradually was regarded as an able man, active in the interests of his party, and in the year 1899 his fellow citizens showed their sense of appreciation of his enterprising character and sterling merits by electing him to membership in the council, and his actions while a councilman were of such a nature as to lead to his being elected to other offices. In 1903 he became the assessor of the first district of the county, thereby opening the way to the larger sway which he wields today, as popular and trustworthy assessor of the whole of Marshall county, the position he has filled during the past four years. That Mr. Stewart is giving the citizens of Marshall county the utmost satisfaction is evinced by their action at the polls.

In 1890 H. M. Stewart was happily married to Miss Flora, daughter of Edward and Mary E. Morgan, and they became the parents of three children, Melville, a student at the West Virginia University at Morgantown, West Virginia, Armond and Marietta.

A member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for twenty-one years, Mr. Stewart is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, in which fraternal order he has held membership for the past six years, but busy as he is with home, office and fraternal exactions, he finds time for church work. He was the leading spirit in regard to the erection of the new Methodist house of worship that was recently built in Glendale, where Mr. Stewart maintains his residence. This church was dedicated in 1910, with a membership of forty-five while the previous year the church was started by a little body of twelve members, of whom Mr. Stewart was the most prominent factor. He has lost no opportunities to promote the temporal as well as the spiritual welfare of the church, where all its members are his friends; nor does he confine his religion to his direct connection with the church itself, but his entire life is colored by his high moral sense and his religious nature.

WILLIAM H. FELLER, president of the Bellaire Brewing Company, has been identified with the brewing business nearly all his active career. Born in Germany, he learned the practical details of the business while growing up in his native land.

To a young man of his native talents and with an ambition for large independent success, America made an attractive appeal, and when he was seventeen years old he crossed the Atlantic and first located in Cincinnati, Ohio, but not finding an opening there that he desired in



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his line of work he later located in Zanesville, same state. There he formed a connection in the brewing business. His previous training and business capacity resulted in rapid progress to an independent enterprise, and he began as an independent brewer at Marietta. From there he came to Bellaire in 1903 and organized the Bellaire Brewing Company, of which he is president. His associates in the business are Conrad Rumbach, vice president, and Charles Rodewig, secretary and treasurer. This brewery is one of the important enterprises of this city and its products have a large demand in the locality and surrounding territory.

Mr. Feller is prominent in social circles in Bellaire, and is a fraternal member of the Elks, Eagles, Moose and Owls.

WILLIAM H. HIGGINS.—It has not only been given to Mr. Higgins to attain to a position of prominence and influence in connection with important industrial activities in his native city, where he is assistant secretary and traffic manager of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, but his also is the distinction of being a scion of one of the old and honored families of Ohio county, with whose history the name has been worthily linked for more than a century. His grandfather, Bernard Higgins, was born in this county in 1809, and within its borders he passed his entire life. He was identified with many lines of business enterprise in Wheeling and its vicinity during the course of his long and active career and was a citizen of prominence and influence in the community, as well as one who ever commanded unqualified popular confidence and esteem. At Wheeling was solemnized his marriage to Miss Ann Jane Rankin, a native of Ireland and a representative of another pioneer family of West Virginia. She died in 1890, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jabez Hall, in the city of Richmond, Virginia, and was seventy-nine years of age when she was thus summoned to the life eternal, her husband having passed away a number of years prior to her demise. Of their children Thomas H., father of him whose name initiates this review, was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, in the year 1838, and he died November 23, 1909. He gained his early education in the schools of Wheeling, and as a boy he became much interested in photography, in which he engaged in 1856, in company with A. C. Partridge, with whom he continued to be associated for four years, at the expiration of which he established an independent enterprise in this line. He gained wide reputation in this field of art and was its pioneer representative in Wheeling at the time of his retirement from active business, in 1898, after having been engaged in this line of enterprise for nearly half a century. He and his wife maintained their home for many years in the fifth ward of Wheeling, but had an attractive residence on "the island," one of the beautiful residence districts of the city, and where Mrs. Higgins now resides. He was held in affectionate regard by a wide circle of friends and had been active in connection with religious and social affairs in the community for many years. In the year 1863 was solemnized the marriage of Thomas H. Higgins to Miss Mary Holliday, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of the late William R. and Lydia (Wilson) Holliday. Her mother was a descendant of James Wilson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. She was a member of one of the sterling pioneer families of Wheeling, where her parents established their home in 1830, and she attained to the venerable age of ninety-seven years, having been well known in the community under the affectionate title of "Mother Holliday." She was specially earnest and zealous in caring for those in need or distress during the progress of the Civil war and was a woman of strong and noble character. Of the three children

of Thomas H. and Mary (Holliday) Higgins, William H., of this review, is the eldest; Carrie is the wife of Alvin L. White, of Wheeling; and Bessie M. remains at the parental home. The father was a staunch Republican in his political proclivities, and he was a zealous member of the Christian church. For more than thirty years he had been affiliated with Virginius Lodge, No. 2, Independent Order Odd Fellows, and he served as treasurer of the same from 1876.

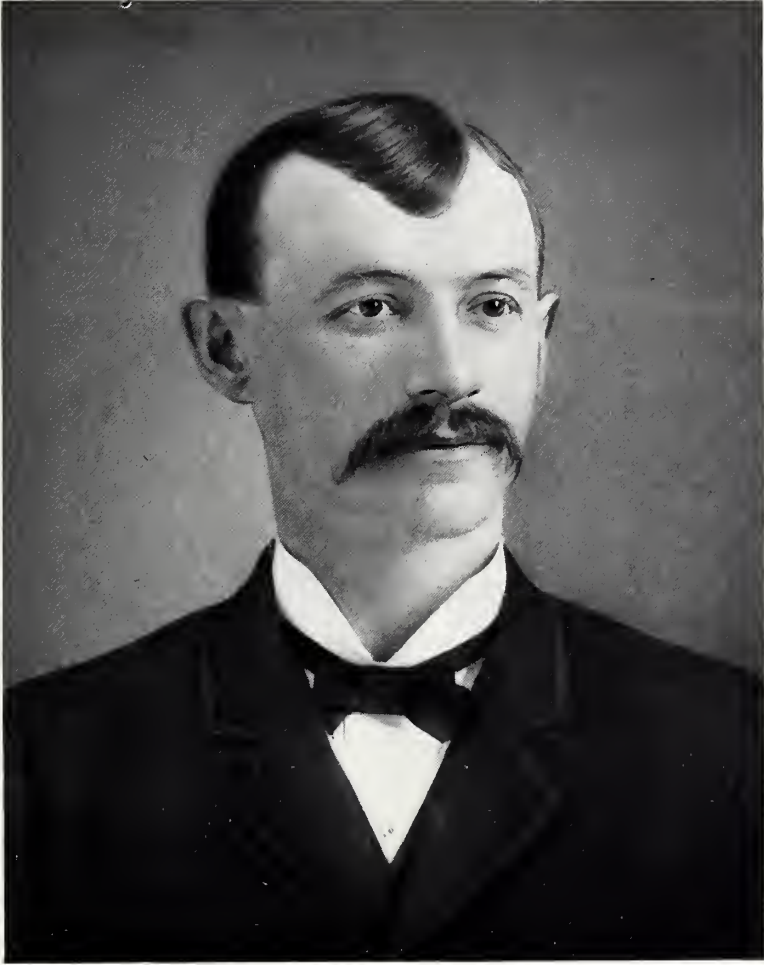
William H. Higgins was born at the old family homestead, in the fifth ward of Wheeling, on the 13th of November, 1865, and he is indebted to the public schools of his native city for his early educational discipline, which included the curriculum of the high school. He has been identified with local business interests from the time of initiating his independent career, in 1881, when he became a clerk in the offices of the Benwood Iron Works. Through faithful and effective service he has won advancement and he has been the incumbent of the office of assistant secretary and traffic manager of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company for some years. He is held in high regard in his native city, where it may be said that his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. He accords unwavering allegiance to the Republican party and as a citizen he is essentially loyal and public-spirited. He represented the seventh ward as a member of the city council for one term and did all in his power to further good municipal government and progressive policies of administration. He is affiliated with Wheeling Lodge, No. 23, Ancient Order of United Workmen, of which he is a past grandmaster, and in this order he is also a member of the Grand Lodge of the state, in which he has held the office of grand receiver consecutively since April, 1898, and is now a member of its Board of Directors. He also is identified with Wheeling Camp, No. 6474, Modern Woodmen of America.

On the 14th of October, 1891, Mr. Higgins was united in marriage to Miss Emma V. Johnson, who was born and reared in Wheeling and who is a daughter of William D. Johnson, long engaged in business in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have two children, William J. and Virginia M., and the attractive family home, at Woodlawn, is a center of generous hospitality.

H. A. STENGLE, manufacturer and public official of Wellsburg, has been a resident of this city since 1891, and during the two decades has been known as one of the progressive citizens who "do things" both in private business and for the larger public welfare. Any movement for the advancement of Wellsburg has Mr. Stengle's sympathy and co-operation, and he has manifested his public spirit in various concrete undertakings. At the present time he is serving the public in the office of city collector and treasurer, the duties of which he assumed in May, 1911.

To the business community he is probably best known as president of the Wellsburg Foundry and Machine Company. He established himself in this business when he located at Wellsburg twenty years ago, and has developed a large and successful plant. Another of his enterprises is the Home Telephone Company, of which he is now president. Besides his present office in the city government he was for six years president of the city council, for a similar period was president of the board of education, for six years was a member of the board of education in Martins Ferry and was for three years its city treasurer.

Mr. Stengle is a native of Germany, where he was born in 1856. His parents, William and Carrie Stengle, with their family of six children, immigrated from the Fatherland in 1865 and located at Wheeling.



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At the present time Mr. Stengle and his brother Frederick, of Wheeling, are the only members of the family in West Virginia. While growing to manhood in Wheeling Mr. Stengle was in the cigar business for a time. In 1876 he moved to Martins Ferry and entered the employ of Spence, Baggs & Company, with whom he remained until 1891. While with this company he acquired a broad knowledge of the industry in which he engaged when he came to Wellsburg.

In 1877 Mr. Stengle married Miss Annie E. Blankensop. She is a native of Wheeling. Eight children were born of their marriage, and the five sons now living are Charles W., Harry B., Goldie E., George E. and Olive. Mr. Stengle is a member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliating with Wellsburg Lodge, No. 2, and also with Wellsburg Lodge, No. 30, of the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

REYMANN FAMILY.—For nearly sixty years the Reymann family has been identified with Wheeling. In the business and manufacturing enterprise which was part of the material development of the city during the last half century the name has frequent mention. And in the notable movements of the past decade which have marked a new civic era in the history of Wheeling the contributions and activities of this family have been effective means toward securing the ideals for which the Greater Wheeling stands. Seldom does a city of this size feel so keenly the loss of an individual from its potent citizenship as Wheeling suffered in the death of the late Lawrence A. Reymann, a young man whose interest and zeal in the work of civic betterment deserve and have a permanent recognition in this city.

The family was established in Wheeling in the fall of 1853 by George Reymann, whose native home was near Bingen on the Rhine in Germany, and who brought his wife and children to America and first settled in the Mississippi valley, but in the same year came east to Wheeling. He was associated for a time with Mr. P. P. Beck, one of the early brewers of Wheeling. His death occurred in 1882, at the age of seventy-five.

Anton Reymann, whose career has been identified with Wheeling affairs for half a century and who is now living retired from most of his former activities, was a son of George Reymann, and was born in Germany, September 15, 1837. He attended the old fourth ward public school in Wheeling for a time, and then learned the brewing trade with P. P. Beck and in Cincinnati. About 1861 he took charge of the Beck brewery, which was then located between Market and Main streets and was a comparatively small establishment. In the latter sixties he moved the plant to the east of the creek at the foot of what has since been known as Reymann Hill, where he developed the Reymann brewery until it was the largest in the state.

Mr. Reymann has been a large stockholder and was president of the Wheeling & Elm Grove Railway; was president of the Wheeling Park Company; president of the State Fair Association; one of the organizers and has been for more than twenty years vice president of the German Fire Insurance Company; and was among the founders of the German Bank. Successful in his own business affairs, he has given effort and means to the promotion of the greater material prosperity of the city.

Paul O. Reymann, one of his sons, has assumed many of the business responsibilities connected with the enterprises established by his father. He is vice president of the Reymann Brewing Company, vice president of the Germania Half Dollar Savings Bank, was one of the first vice presidents of the Wheeling Board of Trade at its organization,

and in other ways is closely associated with the business and civic life of the city.

Lawrence A. Reymann, a son of Anton Reymann, was born August 26, 1878, and died May 8, 1911. It is the lot of few men in such a brief period of years to accomplish work of such worth and so identify themselves with a large community like Wheeling that their death is regarded as calamity, a loss of vital factors in the civic energy. Probably the achievement by which he was best known was the founding of the Hill Top Dairy Farm, known as the "home of certified milk," and he is credited with having been chiefly instrumental in giving Wheeling a pure milk supply.

This brief sketch may be fitly concluded with a quotation from the tribute delivered at the tablet service of the Wheeling lodge of Elks, by Judge Nesbitt, who said: "Lawrence A. Reymann was a good man; a good citizen. In and out before us he walked upon his daily way; open before us was the book of his life. He has left us without a stain upon his escutcheon. Yonder on the hill top is an evidence of the ambition of his citizenship. * * * If he had done nothing more in his brief life, that act alone was sufficient to place his name high upon the banner of his country's patriots.

"As a lawyer, he was a man indeed. Honesty was not with him policy—honesty was with him the very essence of his being. Kindness, consideration, modesty, ability, industry, everything that goes to make the good man and the good lawyer, were his. He was a good son, and a good brother. * * * He was a good Elk. Lawrence A. Reymann was typical of what an Elk should be. In him was crystalized the very best we have in us. His was just the nature which an order such as ours should produce and hold out to the world. Have we charity? He saw the suffering of humanity, and withheld not his aid. Have we justice? He saw the good in his fellowmen, and withheld not his approval. Have we fidelity? He saw the faith of man in man, and withheld not his consistent loyalty. Have we brotherly love? I never knew in all my life a kinder, sweeter, bigger-hearted, wider-armed man than Lawrence. His mind was controlled by kindness, his heart directed by affection, and the arms of his love were wide enough to take in the children of any clime, sky and hemisphere under the golden blessed sunlight of heaven. He was a good man."

CHARLES KLEIN.—Now one of the leading wholesale merchants of Wheeling, Mr. Charles Klein, of the wholesale grocery house of Klein & Merriman Company, worked his way from the bottom to a place among the best known and most substantial business men of Greater Wheeling.

He was born in this city on the 11th of July, 1869, a son of Jacob and Elise (Kohnig) Klein. After a brief attendance at the public schools he began working in a glass house at the age of twelve. During the annual shut-down of the plant and in evenings he continued his efforts in getting an education, and such ambitious efforts finally gave him a good equipment for the larger career upon which he embarked when he was nineteen years old. He then began as a clerk in a retail grocery, later was engaged in newspaper work for a time, and eventually represented a wholesale grocery house on the road for a number of years. In 1904 he entered the wholesale grocery business himself, and Klein & Merriman Company is now one of the most successful in the city.

Mr. Klein is a member and a trustee of the Second Presbyterian church of Wheeling, which congregation also numbers his wife and

children among its members. Mrs. Klein before her marriage was Miss Wilma Jane Cunningham, a daughter of Walker S. and Mary Cunningham. They are the parents of four children: Elizabeth Dorothy, Katharine Josephine, Evelyn Cunningham and Charles Cunningham Klein.

FIDELIS RIESTER.—The great empire of Germany has contributed a most valuable element to the complex social fabric of our American republic, which has had much to gain and nothing to lose from this source. Bringing to bear the best traditions and qualities of a strong and worthy race, the German citizen has assimilated readily and fully into the American body politic, and in every community in which he is found he proves a valuable factor in business and civic activities. The city of Wheeling has its due quota of sterling citizens of German birth or lineage and worthy of special consideration among these is Fidelis Riester, who has here maintained his home since the year 1871 and who has gained status as one of the representative business men and honored citizens of the West Virginia metropolis, in whose material and social advancement he has shown at all times a loyal and helpful interest. He has served continuously since 1874 as secretary of the German Fire Insurance Company of Wheeling and has exercised marked influence in the upbuilding of this substantial and representative concern, which is one of the most important of its kind in the state. Mr. Riester was born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, and was there reared to maturity, the while he received excellent educational advantages. He is a scion of sterling families long identified with the annals of Wurtemberg, and there his parents passed their entire lives.

In 1867, as a young man, Fidelis Riester severed the gracious ties that bound him to home and fatherland and, like many others of his ambitious countrymen, set forth to win for himself independence and prosperity in America. He first located at Zanesville, Ohio, where he remained four years, at the expiration of which he came to Wheeling, in 1871, and secured a position as traveling salesman for the firm of P. Welty & Company, wholesale liquor dealers. He was thus engaged for three years and upon the expiration of that period, in 1874, he assumed the office of secretary of the German Fire Insurance Company, an incumbency which he has retained during the long intervening period of nearly two score years, within which he has gained prestige as one of the substantial, able and popular business men of the city. His entire course has been characterized by integrity and sincerity, and this, as coupled with a signally gracious personality, has gained him the most secure vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem.

The success of the German Insurance Company has been of the most unequivocal order and its affairs have been administered with fidelity, conservatism and utmost integrity, the while its records have been kept in the German language from the beginning to the present time. It is one of the oldest and most substantial fire-insurance companies of the state and its functions have been exercised for the best interests of its policy holders, with the assurance of the most effective indemnity and proper economy in the administration of its affairs, so that it has naturally gained a strong hold upon popular favor and support. The company dates its foundation back to the year 1867, when operations were instituted on a modest scale. On the 15th of May, 1867, an organization was effected, under the auspices of a number of the substantial and thoroughly representative German citizens of Wheeling. The officers chosen at the time of this organization were as here noted: President, John Oesterling, who was also president of the

Central Glass Company and who is now deceased; vice-president, August Wiedebusch; secretary, Joseph Seybold, who was also cashier of the Bank of Wheeling and who is now deceased; and treasurer, Anton Reymann. In addition to the president and treasurer the original directorate of the company included John Pfarr, John Roemer, B. Kammer, Philip Schnehle, William Klieves and Christian Hess. The personnel of the present board of directors is as follows: William F. Stifel, Anton Reymann, August Rolf, Louis F. Stifel, Henry Bieberson, F. C. Drishorst, A. H. Wiedebusch, George E. Stifel and Fidelis Riester.

The original offices of the German Fire Insurance Company were originally in the executive office of its secretary, Mr. Seybold, who was at the time sheriff of Ohio county. Later more eligible quarters were secured, in the Beck block, in Market street, where the business was conducted until 1878. After several changes it was removed to its present quarters at No. 1219 Chapline street. The appointments and facilities of the same having been improved from time to time, as demanded with the increase of business. The present officers of the company are as here noted: William F. Stifel, president; Anton Reymann, vice-president; Colonel August Rolf, treasurer; Fidelis Riester, secretary; William Göring, assistant secretary; S. W. Rice, superintendent of agencies, and Christian Vieweg, Jr., city agent. At the initiation of its business the company based its operations on a capital stock of ten thousand dollars, fully paid in, and it has at the present time a paid up capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars, together with a surplus, over all liabilities, of two hundred and forty thousand dollars. The company has paid regular dividends to its stockholders since 1876, and its operations cover West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, District of Columbia, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota and Colorado.

Mr. Riester, the efficient and popular secretary of this company, is known as a progressive, loyal and public-spirited citizen and in politics he gives his allegiance to the Democratic party. He is a valued member of the Arion Association, of which he was one of the founders, and both he and his wife are zealous communicants of the Catholic church, as members of the parish of St. Alphonsus church.

